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Panel holds back its report on crime Bills

Opposition protests the speed at which the Bills were reviewed by Parliamentary Standing Committee, and the lack of consultations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs postponed its adoption of a draft report on three Bills seeking to replace the existing criminal laws, after pressure from the Opposition parties seeking more time to examine it.

According to sources, the English version of the draft report was circulated just last week and the Hindi version was sent to members of the Parliamentary panel only on Thursday evening, just hours before the adoption of the report was slated at Friday's meeting of the panel.

Three members – Congress MPs Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary and Digivijay Singh, along with Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam MP N.R. Elango – have so far filed dissent notes, the sources said. They are demanding several changes in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 that will replace the Indian Penal Code, and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 that will replace the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). More dissent notes are expected to follow.

One key point of contention, the Hindi nomenclature of the Bills, has not been accepted in the draft reports. The panel's report states that since the text of the Bill is in English it does not violate provisions of Article 348 of Constitution.

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Crime and punishment

These are some of the recommendations by the Standing Committee, as per the draft report circulated so far

- Section 377 of the IPC be retained for cases of non-consensual intercourse with adults, all acts of carnal intercourse with minors, etc.
- The draft report seeks to retain section 497 IPC on adultery, making it gender neutral
- It recommends that handcuffs should not be used on economic offenders
- It rejects the Opposition's contention on the Hindi nomenclature of the Bills

Dark pattern sales deemed 'cybercrime'

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Following complaints about practices by airlines and online travel agents that entail tricking consumers into making unintended purchases – such as paying for seats – while booking flight tickets, which one government official called a "cybercrime", the Ministry of Civil Aviation has asked low-cost carrier IndiGo to rectify its website.

The rap for the airline comes days before a meeting of the Consumer Affairs Ministry to discuss such complaints from air travellers to be held on November 9. Attendees will include representatives from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, airlines, online travel agents, and NGOs representing consumers. The agenda of the meeting is to discuss complaints about airlines extending the charge on seat selection to all seats, incidents of passengers denied boarding despite a valid ticket, etc.

It deploys 'false urgency' to make consumers pay extra.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said, "A dark pattern is one where an entity nudges consumers to buy products they didn't intend to, which is an unfair trading practice, and can constitute a cybercrime."

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ED arrests Bengal Minister for 'irregularities' in PDS

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday arrested West Bengal Minister Jyoti Priya Mallick in a case relating to irregularities in the State's public distribution system. He was arrested in the early hours of the day after the central investigation agency held raids on eight of his properties for nearly 20 hours.

"I am a victim of a conspiracy," Mr. Mallick told journalists. Later, when the Minister was taken for a medical check up, he blamed the BJP and Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari for his arrest.

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City accounts for 18% of State's voters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The draft electoral roll published by the Election Commission of India for Karnataka ahead of the Lok Sabha elections has 5,33,77,162 voters, an increase of 2.91 lakh voters compared to the final electoral roll for the Assembly elections published earlier this year. Of this, Bengaluru city alone has 97.9 lakh voters, just over 18% of the total electorate in the State. The draft roll includes 2.68 crore male voters and 2.65 crore female voters in the State.

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Scott Edwards: the selfless keeper of the Oranje flame

The Netherlands cricket captain has starred in and led the team to some of the greatest moments in its history — including, most recently, the win over South Africa, one of the biggest World Cup upsets of all time — but you will seldom hear him talking about his contribution

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P.K. Ajith Kumar

Listening to Scott Edwards speak on a pleasant October night on the lawns of the Netherlands Residency, considered by some as the most beautiful house in Delhi where Muhammad Ali Jinnah once lived, you are reminded of Ellyse Perry.

Instead of talking about her great exploits, ranging from scoring in the football World Cup to powering Australia's successful campaigns in several cricket World Cups, Perry would rather talk about teammates who may have made smaller contributions in matches she dominated.

Though raised in Australia – he grew up in Melbourne and played for Richmond – Edwards also has a Dutch passport, through his grandmother. Like Perry, he would much rather talk about his teammates than his own performances, one of which, about a fortnight ago, took the Netherlands cricket team to its greatest moment.

Leading from the front

After walking in at 82 for five, against a South African side that had won its previous matches by 102 runs and 134 runs, the captain led from the front, making an unbeaten 78 off 69 balls. The next highest score in the total of 245 for eight in 43 overs – the rain claimed the rest – was 29, made by Roelof van der Merwe.

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> **EDWARDS**

But Edwards underplays his contribution, instead speaking at length about van der Merwe's 19-ball cameo and Aryan Dutt's nine-ball 23. "It is obviously nice to play a part but I actually thought what Roela and Aryan did was amazing," he tells *The Hindu* at the party the Netherlands Ambassador Marisa Gerards hosted for the cricketers. "Sometimes, it is easy to play the sort of anchor role. You obviously need guys to come in around you. And Roelof was striking at over 150 and Aryan more than 200. Aryan is a strong man and definitely someone to watch out for."

Edwards also doesn't want to talk about his three back-to-back half centuries in ODIs against England last year, or the 39-ball 137 not out in the European Cricket League final that set a T10 world record. "I don't take too much from individual success," he explains. "I don't think it means a whole lot, to be honest."

He is glad to talk about what the Netherlands has achieved, much against the odds, in international cricket, though. He is proud of the way the team has fared over the last year or so. His side shocked South Africa at the T20 World Cup in Adelaide last year, played some fine cricket in the Qualifier in Zimbabwe to return to the ODI World Cup after a gap of 12 years, and, of course, stunned South Africa in one of the biggest upsets in World Cup history.

World Cup expectations

"Coming into the tournament, we had high expectations, and to meet those expectations, we have to beat good teams," he says. "So the win against South Africa is a great result for us, but we came here wanting to do more."

He is disappointed that the team couldn't win against Sri Lanka despite posting a competitive score after surviving yet another collapse. "We should have bowled better," he says. "I think 262 was definitely a good enough score on that wicket as there was enough for the bowlers. We had them two down in the Powerplay, probably leaked a few too many runs there, but we were still confident. We just didn't bowl and field to the standards that we like to."

The Netherlands had certainly done that against South Africa, whose batting looks as good as any side's in the tournament. Edwards is glad that the victory has helped cricket gain some attention in the Netherlands.

"I think we have just got to continue to play good games of cricket and win games, and the media attention definitely brings a little bit of a spotlight in the Netherlands, where traditionally cricket is a small sport," he says. "So it's always nice to get that extra publicity and attention around the sport. It doesn't happen every day, but we were noticed during the last T20 World Cup and then the [World Cup] Qualifier in Zimbabwe."

He is more eloquent than usual when he talks about that unforgettable game against the West Indies in the Qualifier. Shai Hope's men had made 374, but the Netherlands tied that score (No, he doesn't mention his 67 off 47 balls). In the Super Over, Logan van Beek scored 30 and claimed both the West Indies wickets.

"The one thing I remember most is that thinking we sort of have to qualify now [by winning more matches], or this game will just become, you know, just a random ODI win that means nothing," he says. "We had guys like Teja [Nidamanuru] and Logan doing things like that and standing up in such a big game. People probably tend to forget what Teja [111 off 76 balls] did. It was one of the best innings I have seen in ODIs, and, in the last year, he's had a massive hundred against Zimbabwe when we were probably down and out."

Proactive captain

Edwards averages close to 41 after 43 ODIs, with 14 fifties. He has always been a 'keeper-batter who admires Adam Gilchrist. And he is an excellent captain, who tries to make things happen rather than waiting for them to happen. In the win against South Africa, his captaincy stood out, be it the bowling changes or the field placements. And they worked most of the time.

He enjoys captaincy. Is it something that he always wanted to do? Or did he just get the job and start working on it?

"A little bit of both," he says. "I like the leadership side of it. I loved being vice-captain, actually; I was one for a couple of years. Becoming captain is an honour, too. A lot more media and work behind the scenes. And I love working with our coach Ryan Cook."

Edwards' teammate Max O'Dowd rates him as one of the best captains he has worked with. "He's very selfless and embodies what the team culture is all about, you know, selflessness, unity and all those kinds of things," says the opener, who has had the camera lenses focused on him in the field because of the sheet of paper in his pocket containing strategies about matchups.

"He does such an amazing job of getting the best out of every player and he wants us all to succeed. That's why I think he's a very good captain."

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> **MAX O'DOWD**
> The Netherlands opener

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	11,045	18
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	8,805	18
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	7,355	22
4	Jannik Sinner	22	5,000	22
5	Andrey Rublev	26	4,765	25
6	Holger Rune	20	4,400	22
7	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	4,300	24
8	Casper Ruud	24	3,705	25
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,500	27
10	Alexander Zverev	26	3,460	24
11	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,900	23
12	Tommy Paul	26	2,775	26
13	Alex de Minaur	24	2,650	25
14	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,400	22
15	Ben Shelton	21	2,355	28

Top Indians

Sumit Nagal
Rank 170 ▼ 10 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 455 ▼ 8 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,425	15
2	Iga Swiatek	22	7,795	18
3	Coco Gauff	19	5,955	18
4	Elena Rybakina	24	5,865	17
5	Jessica Pegula	29	4,895	19
6	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,839	18
7	Ons Jabeur	29	3,695	20
8	Karolina Muchova	27	3,663	17
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,245	23
10	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,775	20
11	Madison Keys	28	2,737	17
12	Petra Kvitova	33	2,660	17
13	Jelena Ostapenko	26	2,615	22
14	Belinda Bencic	26	2,570	18
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,545	23

Top Indians

Ankita Raina
Rank 200 ▲ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 298 ▼ 60 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	466	15
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	240	2
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	201	0
4	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	183	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	171	1
6	Lando Norris	McLaren	159	0
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	151	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	143	0
9	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	83	0
10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	56	0
11	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	53	0
12	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	44	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	25	0
14	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	10	0
15	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	8	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	3	0
19	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri	2	0
20	Logan Sargeant	Williams	1	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	706	17
2	Mercedes	344	0
3	Ferrari	322	1
4	McLaren	242	0
5	Aston Martin	236	0
6	Alpine	100	0
7	Williams	26	0
8	Alfa Romeo	16	0
9	Haas	12	0
10	AlphaTauri	10	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	107,455	15
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	86,611	20
3	Kodai Naraoka	82,432	24
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	79,778	18
5	Li Shi Feng	78,548	23
6	Jonatan Christie	76,921	18
7	Shi Yu Qi	76,874	21
8	Prannoy H.S.	76,665	21
9	Loh Kean Yew	69,412	24
10	Anders Antonsen	66,610	18
11	Lee Zii Jia	65,776	24
12	Lu Guang Zu	62,580	21
13	Kenta Nishimoto	61,757	25
14	Chou Tien Chen	60,867	26
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	60,441	24

Top Indians

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 8

Lakshya Sen
Rank 17

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	113,314	17
2	Akane Yamaguchi	100,717	17
3	Chen Yu Fei	96,446	16
4	Tai Tzu Ying	88,486	17
5	Carolina Marin	83,700	17
6	He Bing Jiao	80,674	18
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	69,354	24
8	Han Yue	68,108	24
9	Ratchanok Intanon	64,823	17
10	P.V. Sindhu	62,640	22
11	Wang Zhi Yi	62,390	19
12	Beiwen Zhang	60,710	23
13	Pornpawee Chochuwong	56,099	24
14	Zhang Yi Man	55,604	22
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	54,444	18

Top Indians

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 10

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 38

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	829	898
2	Shubman Gill	823	847
3	Quinton de Kock	769	813
4	Heinrich Klaasen	756	756
5	David Warner	747	880
5	Virat Kohli	747	911
7	Harry Tector	729	729
8	Rohit Sharma	725	885
9	Rassie van der Dussen	716	796
10	Imam-ul-Haq	704	815

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	670	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	668	736
3	Keshav Maharaj	656	656
4	Rashid Khan	654	806
5	Trent Boult	653	775
6	Mohammad Nabi	641	657
7	Adam Zampa	635	670
8	Matt Henry	634	691
9	Kuldeep Yadav	632	765
10	Shaheen Afridi	625	688

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	863	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	787	875
3	Aiden Markram	756	796
4	Babar Azam	734	896
5	Rilee Rossouw	702	724
6	Dawid Malan	691	915
7	Jos Buttler	666	674
8	Aaron Finch	660	900
9	Reeza Hendricks	657	661
10	Muhammad Waseem	656	716

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	692	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	679	797
2	Adil Rashid	679	746
4	Maheesh Theekshana	677	684
5	Josh Hazlewood	670	806
6	Sam Curran	659	688
7	Fazalhaq Farooqi	657	692
7	Adam Zampa	657	743
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	656	745
10	Akeal Hosein	655	681

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URBAN PLANNING

A paradigm shift in street design

Shopping, snacking, even elaborate religious worshipping, are not just activities done on streets but the pegs that hold together community life and expression

Urban streets represent human existence, the highs and lows of what integrates the tangible realm of our lives every day. The manuals that municipal and state transportation planners use when constructing city streets have significant political impacts on many issues, including transit and bike ridership, pedestrian safety, public health, air quality, and many more. With time, street design has largely been impacted by the inflow of vehicles and the inclusivity of what qualifies as urban traffic. As a result, many cities struggling with mismanaged streets have begun to adopt more balanced, multi-modal approaches to street planning that are accessible and welcoming to all users.

A locality's identity

Today, cities in India, when constructing new connecting roads, still follow this age-old approach that privileges the needs of automobiles before people or communities. Presenting a fresh approach, architects and planners must identify streets as a platform to integrate multiple cultures and societies to represent the identity of a locality. This is especially true in countries like India, where a major chunk of collective city life unfolds on the streets. Street shopping, snacking, and even elaborate religious worshipping are not just activities done on streets, but they are the pegs that hold together community life and expression.

Traditionally, street design has been dominated by a top-down approach with the narrow goals of providing connectivity rather than shaping communities. Planners and signatories have come together to lay out a plan involving centralised decision-making that is often rigid and authoritarian. On the other hand, the bottom-up approach involves a more decentralised and participatory view to planning, in which local communities and stakeholders are actively engaged in the process. Furthermore, it privileges a place-based attitude to designing streets which is more flexible and adaptive to local concerns as well as specific neighbourhood nuances. Rather than viewing these two approaches in a binary, a more fruitful solution would be to adopt a greater inclusive mandate that is focused on problem-solving.

Striking a balance

In most tier I and tier II Indian cities, the bottom-up planning approach is complicated by the influx of street vendors, haphazard growth of small-scale retail stores, and unorganised parking. Moreover, with a vast population to cater to, their vehicles and corrupt local governance networks do not allow the smooth implementation of policies and create spaces where illegal vending, parking of cars, or privatisation of public space occurs.

Here, a state government might use a top-down approach to establish a more balanced transportation system that caters to the needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users, as well as automobiles. At the same time, the city government might use a bottom-up approach to involve local communities and stakeholders in the planning and design process.

For instance, to manage street vending in the city, vending zones could be allocated and better licensing systems enabled for street vendors.

These measures could be accompanied by training and support programs to improve the quality and safety of their products. Bottom-up strategies might employ community organisations and local vendors to implement these measures and identify appropriate vending zones. Similarly, addressing informal vehicular parking can include allocating designated parking spaces and implementing parking permit systems for residential areas. At its heart, this approach requires collective planning intervention to help local urban bodies and people actively participate and sustainably drive change while ensuring a long-term planning strategy with a top-down viewpoint.

It can offset exclusionary urban planning and provide social and environmental equity with a practical approach.

Shared spaces

One example is the transformation of Fort Street in Auckland into a shared street, one of several new shared spaces implemented in Auckland's Central Business District in recent years. The collaborative efforts of multiple stakeholders, including public agencies, local business owners and citizen associations have resulted in a 25% decrease in vehicular volume, 54% increase in pedestrian volumes and a 47% increase in consumer spending according to a report by *The Global Street Design Guide*. The underlying idea enabling a comprehensive planning approach is bringing multiple stakeholders together. It can create ample recreational areas with healthy landscaping and heterogeneous neighbourhoods, making commercial and residential zones easily accessible.

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What's next in the Mbappe-PSG-Madrid soap opera?

With the French superstar emerging largely unscathed from a contract stand-off with the Paris club, he appears to have his destiny in his hands. The saga may end in January, when potential free agents can sign pre-contracts with new clubs. But matters are still far from straightforward

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> In LaLiga, the only club that can buy Mbappe is Real Madrid... I think there is a 70 to 80% chance he's going to be in LaLiga next season
>
> **JAVIER TEBAS**
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Associated Press
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Kylian Mbappe first caught Real Madrid's attention when he was just 13.

Zinedine Zidane, Madrid's sporting director at the time, heard accounts of the prodigy and wanted to check if the hype was real. "My father received a call from someone at Real Madrid, inviting me to Spain for a training session," Mbappe told The Players' Tribune. "It was a shock because they actually told my father, 'Zidane would like to see your son.'"

Filled with intrigue

Madrid has continued to court Mbappe – twice failing with bids to sign him – and the pursuit has turned into a saga during the superstar's recent years at Paris Saint-Germain. Some of the world's richest people and organisations, as well as heads of state, have added to the intrigue.

The 24-year-old reportedly agreed a financial package with both Madrid and PSG last year before French President Emmanuel Macron intervened to urge Mbappe to stay in Paris.

But not long after, the story emerged in Spanish sports daily Marca and several French outlets that Mbappe wanted to leave PSG as soon as possible. He reportedly felt "betrayed" by the club, disappointed that promises made to him when he signed his new contract, pertaining to the signing of top talent to target the Champions League, had not been kept.

Mbappe is PSG's all-time leading scorer, but has never won the Champions League. He also has his sights set on becoming a Ballon d'Or winner like compatriot Karim Benzema, who grew into a talismanic figure at Madrid before moving to Saudi Arabia in the summer.

When Mbappe called PSG "a divisive team, a divisive club" in an interview with France Football magazine earlier this year, without elaborating, it was clear that things were coming to a head.

During a summer of flux at the Parc des Princes, filled with new arrivals and Lionel Messi's departure, it was Mbappe's contract dispute with PSG that dominated the headlines. And months into the 2023-24 season, Mbappe's future remains world football's hottest topic of discussion.

To understand why we are at this juncture, we must examine what happened over the summer.

> I didn't ask either to be sold or to go to Real Madrid. I just confirmed that I don't want to activate the extra year foreseen in the contract
>
> **MBAPPE**

French connection: Mbappe has his sights set on becoming a Ballon d'Or winner like compatriot Karim Benzema, who grew into a talismanic figure at Madrid before leaving. GETTY IMAGES

The France captain told the club in June that he would not be exercising his option of extending his two-year deal by 12 months. This essentially meant he would play the season for PSG and then leave Paris on a free transfer once his contract ran out in 2024.

PSG, which stood to lose its 180-million-euro asset for nothing, responded by insisting he would be sold in the summer. It then left him out of a preseason tour to Japan and South Korea.

"We can't let the best player in the world leave for free. It's impossible," said the Qatar-owned club's president, Nasser al-Khelaifi, insisting Mbappe "must sign a new contract" to stay.

Frozen out

The superstar, who has won France's Player of the Year award four times in a row and been Ligue 1's top scorer in five straight seasons, was frozen out, reduced to training apart from the first team. PSG, which believed he had already struck an informal deal to move to Madrid next year, actively shopped for offers, attempting to force Mbappe's hand.

The club also reportedly applied another kind of pressure – the suggestion, which came out in the French press, that Mbappe would cripple PSG financially by leaving as a free agent, putting the defending league champion in a position where it would need to sell off some of his teammates; essentially the superstar was hurting his friends' futures.

PSG received a world record 300-million-euro bid from Saudi Arabian club Al-Hilal and gave the Riyadh-based team permission to talk to Mbappe.

Al-Hilal – one of the four clubs owned by the Public Investment Fund, a sovereign wealth vehicle, which has been snapping up prized assets as part of an aggressive, controversial drive to diversify the economy of the world's biggest oil exporter – coveted the France captain.

But he refused to meet Al-Hilal officials, L'Equipe reporting that "the captain of Les Bleus has never considered this option".

The brinkmanship between PSG and Mbappe continued when he was dropped for the club's season opener. But "after very constructive and positive discussions", PSG reinstated Mbappe, who has since scored eight goals in eight Ligue 1 games.

The tense atmosphere around the club hasn't disappeared, however. When Mbappe does not find the back of the net, the criticism is often disproportionate and strident – after the Champions League mauling by Newcastle United, for instance.

And while the lifting of PSG's 'punishment' seemed to be the opening of a window for a new contract, Mbappe has continued to hold out for almost two months. His position is strong, his destiny is in his hands. He is also certain to receive a colossal signing fee and very lucrative wages – reports suggest Madrid has set aside 230 million euros towards this outlay – because the Spanish club would not have to pay PSG anything for his services.

"The key date will be January 2024," Marca reported, "and it seems very clear that this time [Madrid president Florentino] Perez will not accept anything other than Mbappe's written commitment [in a pre-contract, which a player approaching free agency can sign with a new club in January]. Therefore, there are only two ... months left for the soap opera to return to the scene with the same protagonists, the player, PSG and Madrid."

Twist in the tale?

Marca also reported that Madrid had taken Mbappe's "signing for granted" in 2022 and was far more cautious now. Another Madrid-based sports daily, AS, reported that Mbappe is "totally determined to make his dream of playing for Real Madrid a reality."

But while the expectation in Spain is that the move is likely – LaLiga president Javier Tebas said last month that there was a "70 or 80%" chance of it happening – the possibility of Mbappe renewing with PSG has not been ruled out, for this has been a saga with many twists.

PSG has begun preparing for life without its No. 7, changing its transfer strategy in the summer. Criticised for assembling star-studded teams without a real backbone in the past, the French champion appears to have kept an eye out for value buys, as well as French talent. But the French media has also reported that PSG will soon make Mbappe another contract offer.

Madrid, meanwhile, has strengthened its position with the acquisition of Jude Bellingham. Not only has the young English midfielder taken Spanish football by storm and reduced some of the club's desperation for Mbappe, his transfer is also seen as an example to convince Mbappe that the platform Madrid offers the ambitious player has few equals.

The saga appears to be approaching its end game, but if it has taught us anything over the last few years, it is that when Madrid, PSG and Mbappe are involved, nothing is ever straightforward.

KYLIAN MBAPPE

GAME THEORY

Measuring Annu Rani's standing

After winning the women's javelin gold at the Asian Games, Annu Rani is targeting the 65-metre mark. How does she compare with the best throwers this season and the best from Asia all time? We take a look:

TOP THROWERS IN 2023: Annu Rani's gold-clinching throw at Hangzhou makes her the 12th best javelin thrower so far this year

Rank	Mark (m)	Athlete	Venue
1	67.38	Haruka Kitaguchi	Brussels
2	66.50	Sigrid Borge	Halle
3	65.70	Mackenzie Little	Lausanne
4	65.47	Flor Denis Ruiz Hurtado	Budapest
5	64.78	Lina Muze-Sirma	Valmiera
6	64.65	Victoria Hudson	Brussels
7	64.04	Maggie Malone	Szczecin
8	63.84	Tatsiana Khaladovich	Minsk
9	63.65	Elina Tzengko	Leiria
10	63.26	Tori Peeters	Yokohama
11	63.18	Anete Kociņa	Budapest
12	**62.92**	**Annu Rani**	**Hangzhou**
13	62.72	Maria Lucelly Murillo	Budapest
14	62.54	Kelsey-Lee Barber	Paris
15	62.45	Anni-Linnea Alanen	Pihtipudas

Annu Rani

TOP THROWERS FROM ASIA (ALL TIME): Annu Rani's personal best, which came in Jamshedpur last year, puts her in eighth place among Asia's best javelin throwers of all time. (It also makes her the 76th best thrower of all time, globally)

Rank	Mark (m)	Athlete	Country	Venue	Date
1	67.98	Huihui Lyu	China	Shenyang	02 Aug 2019
2	67.38	Haruka Kitaguchi	Japan	Brussels	08 Sep 2023
3	67.29	Shiying Liu	China	Shaoxing	15 Sep 2020
4	66.25	Lingyu Li	China	London	08 Aug 2017
5	65.47	Li Zhang	China	Incheon	01 Oct 2014
6	64.98	Yuzhen Yu	China	Xi'an	28 Apr 2021
7	63.92	Jianhua Wei	China	Beijing	18 Aug 2000
8	**63.82**	**Annu Rani**	**India**	**Jamshedpur**	**08 May 2022**
9	63.80	Yuki Ebihara	Japan	Kawasaki	10 May 2015
10	63.69	Lei Li	China	Jinzhou	08 Jun 2000

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The Election Commission on Friday published the 2024 draft electoral roll for Karnataka with a total electorate of 5,33,77,162 voters, which is an increase of 2,91,596 voters since the election roll was published ahead of the elections to the Legislative Assembly.

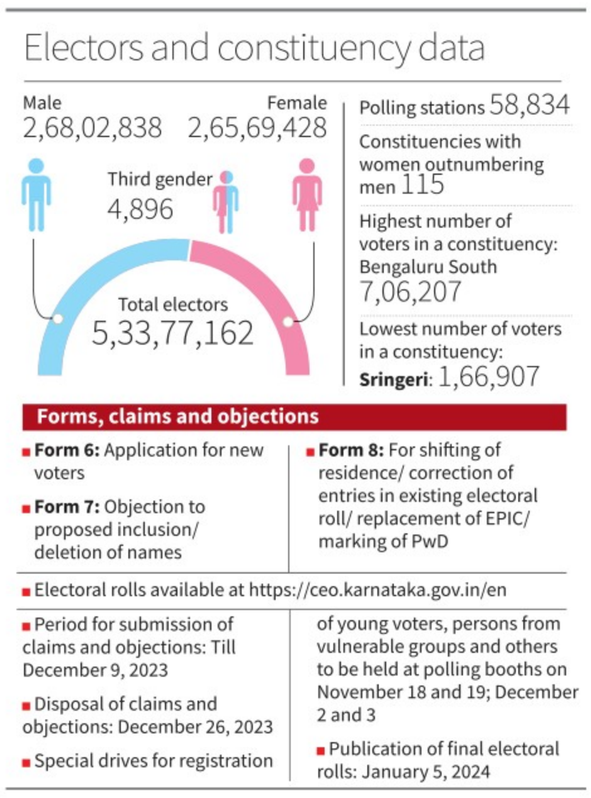
The final electoral roll will be published on January 5, 2024, after the completion of special summary revision of the roll with respect to the qualifying date of January 1, 2024.

The 2024 draft electoral roll includes 2,68,02,838 male voters, 2,65,69,428 female voters, and 4,896 other voters. In comparison with the 2023 draft electoral roll, the number has increased by 25,23,317 electors.

The draft roll of 2024 has 13,45,707 young voters (18-19 years), 4,896 third gender voters, 3,056 overseas voters, 5,66,777 voters with disabilities, 11,76,093 voters who are above 80 years, and 47,172 service electors.

Highest and lowest

Of the 224 Assembly constituencies, Bengaluru South has the highest number of voters with 7,06,207 and Sringeri has the lowest number of voters with 1,66,907.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Special drives for registration of young voters, persons from vulnerable groups and others to be held at polling booths on November 18 and 19; December 2 and 3
Publication of final electoral rolls: January 5, 2024

The number of polling stations in Karnataka now stands at 58,834, a net increase of 552 after 845 polling stations were added and 292 polling stations were merged.

Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, Manoj Kumar Meena, told presspersons here on Friday that people had time till December 9 to file their claims and objections, and that the disposal of claims and objections would be completed by December 26. "Special drives on November 18 and 19, and December 2 and 3 at respective polling booths will be held to enrol young voters, vulnerable persons, and those who have missed the enrolment," he said.

The Election Commission has also made 6,02,199 additions and approved 3,89,353 deletions since the election rolls of 2023 were published.

In all, 18,88,243 applications were received for addition, deletion, and correction of which 16,31,547 applications were approved while 1,71,964 applications were rejected. As many as 6,39,995 cases of correction were approved.

The number of young voters (18-19 years) had gone up from 11,71,558 in the election roll to 13,45,707 in the 2024 draft roll. In contrast, the number of electors above 80 years had declined from 12,15,920 in the election roll to 11,76,093 in the draft roll. The number of electors with disabilities had marginally declined from 5,71,288 in the election roll to 5,66,777 in the draft roll. The number of the third gender voters had also declined from 4,927 to 4,896.

Mr. Meena said that while the gender ratio as per the 2011 census data was 973, the gender ratio as per the electoral roll was 991. The gender ratio in the draft electoral roll of 2023 was 986. The gender ratio was positive in 115 constituencies where female voters outnumbered males. The highest gender ratio was in Mangaluru City South at 1,092 while the lowest was in Mahadevapura at 859.

The elector population ratio that was 68.02 % as per the 2011 census was now 69.21 % in the 2024 draft rolls. While the highest EP ratio was in Chamundeshwari constituency with 93.95 %, the lowest – 47.45 % – was in BTM layout. On the very low EP ratio in BTM layout, he said that despite a house-to-house survey to find out whether people were left out from the electoral list, the reason was not clear.

"It is also difficult to know movement of people in Bengaluru. Since the census had not taken place since 2011, it is only a guess work based on the projected population figure. We have done house-to-house survey twice already."

Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, Manoj Kumar Meena (left), addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. Additional Chief Electoral Officer M. Kurma Rao is also seen. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bogus voter ID case: EC awaiting police report

The Hindu Bureau
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The Election Commission was awaiting a report from the police on their action against a computer centre at Hebbal here, where voter identification card was being printed.

Mr. Meena said that only the EC was authorised to give the voter ID.

"The police have found various government IDs being printed at the computer centre. Even voter ID was being printed. However, these are bogus voter ID cards and they (numbers) are not in the electoral rolls. They cannot be used in polls," he said.

Mr. Meena pointed out that they were planning to invoke the provisions under the Representation of People Act.

Bengaluru has 97.9 lakh voters

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The draft of voters' list released by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has put the total number of voters in the city at 97,90,499. The list was put out as part of preparations for Lok Sabha polls.

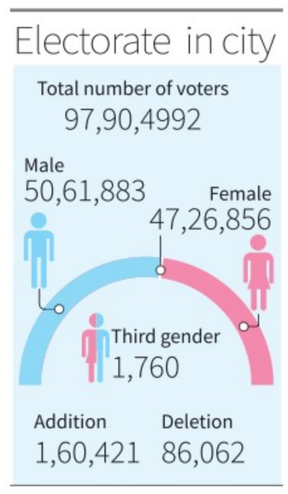
Special Commissioner (Elections), BBMP, Ramachandran R. said that in the draft 86,062 names have been deleted and the last date to submit objections is December 9. The final voter list will be released on January 5.

The deletions have been done over deaths, people shifting out of the city, duplicate entries, and other reasons, he said.

28 constituencies

According to the draft, of the total voters, 50,61,883 are male and 47,26,856 are female voters and 1,760 others. A total of 1,60,421 voters were added during the last one year. The list pertains to 28 assembly constituencies coming under the BBMP.

Mr. Ramachandran said special revision work of the voter list can be verified by the general public on voters.eci.gov.in or can be enquired on toll-free number 1950.



For changes

For any correction, the voters can apply on the website by filling out forms or visiting offices physically.

The officer further said currently there are about 8,982 polling booths and this time there has been an increase of 367 booths.

He informed that there will be special voters registration campaign on November 18, 19, and December 2 and 3 at ward offices.

Activists decry police denying permission for solidarity protests for Palestine; write open letter to Chief Minister

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BENGALURU

Several activists have been upset with Bengaluru police over permissions being denied to multiple solidarity protests in support of Palestine.

Bengaluru for Justice and Peace, a coalition of civil society groups, whose application to hold a protest against Israel's attack on Palestine at Freedom Park on Saturday was turned down citing "law and order issues", has now written an open letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah demanding "right to protest and peaceful assembly."

Ban across State

However, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said it was the stand of the Karnataka State police not to allow any protests on the Israel-Palestine issue anywhere in the State, and permission for all protests relating to this issue was turned down accordingly.

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Sources said that a call on this was taken following an evaluation of multiple inputs, as several Hindutva right wing groups had also sought permission to hold solidarity protest marches in favour of Israel even as many groups had sought permission to hold demonstrations in favour of Palestine.

"A decision has been taken to turn down permission for both protests, to avoid any communal conflagration," a senior official said. There have been other instances of Bengaluru city police denying permission for Palestine solidarity protests in the recent past.

Other instances

Two applications by various Left parties to hold a solidarity protest at Freedom Park were turned down, citing that since other protests were being held in Freedom Park the same day, there was no space. Police also booked several activists for holding a Palestine solidarity protest at M.G. Road recently.

"Police register FIRs against those peacefully protesting saying that protests are allowed only in Freedom Park. But when permission is sought to protest in Freedom Park it is denied," the open letter said.

The letter further said that following the city police denying permission for Palestine-related protests, the activists met with the Chief Minister and apprised him of the situation, but lamented that the police continue to deny permission.

Police action

City police have registered two FIRs for protests one in connection with the M.G. Road protest at Cubbon Park police station and the other at Tilak Nagar police station for a protest outside Bilal Masjid.

Tumakuru police also registered a *suo motu* FIR against Left party activists who held a Palestine solidarity march, under section 295A (punishment for deliberate and malicious acts) of the Indian Penal Code.

Mangaluru Police arrested a 58-year-old man Zakir for posting a video in which he appealed to people to pray for Hamas. Hosapete police in Vijayanagara district arrested 20-year-old youth Alam Basha for a pro-Palestine WhatsApp status, which he was reportedly forced to delete.

The Kalaburagi police resorted to canning to disperse a group of men staging a protest supporting Palestine on October 20.

Withdrawal of cases

"Such actions of the Karnataka government is not only an assault on the fundamental rights of citizens to protest, but also display a cruel indifference to the genocide being carried out by the Israeli government, and is an immoral abuse of power by these offices," the open letter said, demanding immediate withdrawal of all cases against peaceful protesters.

Tribal trampled to death by elephant in Nagarahole

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A tribal was trampled to death by an elephant near Mastigudi rehabilitation centre in the Veeranahosahalli range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, early on Friday. The victim was identified as Vasanth, 36.

Senior officials reached the spot on receiving information but were confronted by angry villagers who sought measures to mitigate human-elephant conflict.

The authorities promised to send a proposal for erecting rail barricade to prevent intrusion

The authorities promised to send a proposal for erecting rail barricade to prevent elephant intrusion and also consider other demands of the villagers.

Soumya, wife of the deceased, was given compensation of ₹15 lakh by the authorities.

Fire dept. flags 243 rooftop restaurants over safety violations

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Fire and Emergency Services Department has listed out 243 rooftop restaurants including pubs, bars and hookah bars which have violated fire safety norms and license rules.

The department has now shared the details with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for further action.

The Fire Department commenced a survey of such restaurants on October 19, a day after Mudpipe cafe which is housed on the fourth floor of a building at Koramangala near forum mall caught fire.

During the inspection it was found that the cafe had not obtained No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Fire Department, besides violating norms of the trade license issued by the civic body.

The cafe had secured a license to cater food but was serving hookah.

A senior fire officer talking to *The Hindu* said "After conducting a survey of the rooftop establishments across the city, we have found 243 restaurants violating fire safety rules and other norms. As these establishments should be dealt with stringent action, the list has been shared with the BBMP."

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According to the data shared by BBMP, they have closed down 60 restaurants, including pubs, hotels and rooftop cafes

The officer further informed that the list was shared with BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath and he has forwarded the same to the Chief Engineer.

The Chief Engineer in turn will share the details with concerned officials to initiate action.

A senior health official said the Health Department is yet to receive the data and as soon as the data is shared the civic body will act.

On the other hand, the BBMP has been independently taking action. BBMP Special Commissioner, K.V. Trilok Chandra said there may be an overlap in connection to establishments against which the civic body was acting and those now flagged by the Fire and Emergency Services.

"We will go through the list to avoid any overlap," he said.

According to the data shared by the BBMP, the civic body has closed down 60 restaurants including pubs, hotels and rooftop cafes and issued notices to more than 200.

After the health department receives this fresh list, a separate operation to crackdown on rooftop establishments may commence.

According to sources in the BBMP the list is currently with Chief Engineer. It can be recalled that in a similar crackdown on rooftop restaurants in 2018 following the December 2017 Kamala Mills Fire in Mumbai, a fire accident in which 14 people were killed in a rooftop restaurant.

In a similar reaction after a fire accident, Fire and Emergency Services and BBMP conducted a similar survey and slapped closure notices to several rooftop restaurants.

However, this did not put an end to unsafe rooftop restaurants in the city, as evident in the Koramangala fire accident recently.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Ms. Anu Grover Baliga
District Judge (Commercial Court)-04, South East District
Room No. 21, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi
Suit No. CS/COMM/375/2023
State Bank of India
Versus
Vipin Kumar
To,
Mr. Vipin Kumar
S/o Sh. Devender Singh
R/o H.No. 417, HB Velley,
Layout KG Jalahalli, Bangalore,
Karnataka-560015
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on 24-11-2023 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of this court, this 14-09-2023. Sd/
Seal
District Judge (Commercial Court)-04, South East District
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi

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O.S. No. 148 of 2019
M/s. HNI Autotech Private Limited ...Plaintiff
-Vs-
M/s. Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited and 4 others ... Defendants
To:
1. M/s Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited Represented by its Director Mr. KAPIL SHARMA
2. Mr. KAPIL SHARMA (DIN: 01154395) Director of M/s Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited
3. Mr. RAMASWAMY (DIN: 05110541) Director of M/s Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited
4. Mr. GUNDAPPA MALIGE SANTOSH (DIN: 05110560) Director of M/s. Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited
5. Mr. SRENIVAS LAKSHMAN (DIN: 05110594) Director of M/s Accutech Industrial Metrology Private Limited.
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Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Koojantham Ramaramethi Madhuram Madhuraksharam II
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Garlanding the Statue of Shri Maharshi Valmiki : Date: 28.10.2023, **Time:** 9.30 A M
Place: "Shri Maharshi Valmiki Tapovana" , (Opp: Shasakara Bhavana)
Stage Programme : At 10.00 A.M, **Place:** Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Inauguration
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

August Presence
Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Dr. H C Mahadevappa
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare

Floral Tribute to the Statue of Shri Maharshi Valmiki by
Sri B Nagendra
Hon'ble Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Youth Empowerment, Sports and Bellari District Incharge Minister

Divine Presence
Sri Sri Sri Prasannananda Puri Mahaswamiji
Pontiff, Sri Maharshi Valmiki Gurupeeta, Rajanahalli
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Presided by
Sri Rizwan Arshad
Hon'ble MLA, Shivajinagar Constituency

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Sri B. Nagendra, Hon'ble Minister for Scheduled Tribe Welfare, Youth Empowerment and Sports during his stay at Golur hamlet, H D Kote Taluk in Mysuru district receives grievances from the Tribal Communities.

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It is the duty of every citizen to protect and preserve the natural environment including forest, rivers, lakes, and wildlife.

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Karnataka Forest Department launches centralised wildlife crime management system

It will help manage and monitor data regarding forest and wildlife crime in real time

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly 30 forest officers received training during the HAWK launch in Nagarahole. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Karnataka Forest Department, along with the Wildlife Trust of India, has launched the Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system, a specialised software platform to monitor all aspects of forest and wildlife crime.

Supported by digital services company NTT Data, the system would help the department monitor activities such as the death of wildlife, suspected criminal activities, and the movement of suspicious vehicles.

Information regarding these and other incidents of interest from the field would be fed into a centralised system so that effective and pre-emptive responses, including counteraction, could be initiated.

"The HAWK system will help the department to manage and monitor data regarding forest and wildlife crime across the State in real-time.

This will increase the overall efficiency of the department in crime management," said Subhash K. Malkhede, IFS, PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka Forest Department.

Vivek Menon, Founder and Executive Director of Wildlife Trust of India, noted that the development of HAWK was initiated as there were no such systems present to manage information regarding wildlife crime and criminal activities.

First launched in Kerala

The system was first launched in Kerala about two years ago and has now been customised for the Karnataka Forest Department.

A team from the Karnataka Forest Department's IT cell headed by Biswajit Mishra initiated the customisation process of HAWK approximately one year ago.

"The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau is in the process of taking HAWK as the national wildlife crime management system. We from Karnataka and Kerala should be proud that a system developed in these two States is becoming the national system," said Jose Louies, director & chief (wildlife crime control) at WTI. So far, over 300 forest officers have undergone online training, and 500 more officials will be trained this year.

Atleast five staff members from each forest range in the State will be trained by an expert team to use the HAWK system, and a technical team is in place to provide real-time assistance to the new users.

"Forest and wildlife crime is a major conservation challenge faced by the department. Migrating from the paper-based system into digital systems will help us greatly in countering criminal activities and is essential to keep our system updated to meet the new challenges, including wildlife crime in cyberspace," said Mr. Biswajit Mishra, Conservator of Forest, Head of the Information Communication & Technology Department ICT cell.

Frontline forest staff will be trained to use the system across the State, and a dedicated helpdesk will assist them in the integration process under the supervision of the Chief Wildlife Warden's office.

Tiger claw row: Jaggesh moves High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Jaggesh

Actor and Rajya Sabha member Jaggesh has moved the High Court of Karnataka questioning the legality of the search conducted on his premises by the Forest Department on the issue of possessing a tiger claw without giving him any time to respond to the notice issued by the officials themselves on the same day.

It was pointed out in the petition that the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Forest Mobile Squad, issued a notice on October 25, asking Mr. Jaggesh to produce the tiger claw for inspection.

The notice stated that action under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, would be initiated if he failed to produce the said animal artefact.

However, without giving any time, a team of 14 officials, searched his premises on October 25 based on a search warrant issued by the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Forest Mobile Squad, the petition said.

Court grants bail to Varthur Santosh

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BENGALURU

The 2nd Additional Chief Judicial magistrate on Friday granted bail to Big Boss Kannada contestant Varthur Santosh, who was arrested for sporting a tiger claw in the show, on Friday.

Santosh who was arrested by Forest officials on October 22 from the sets of the reality show for possessing a tiger claw pendant. His arrest triggered a series of searches at several celebrity homes, for they were also photographed sporting tiger claw pendants.

The Forest Department had initially opposed his bail, expressing concerns that he might tamper with the evidence. While granting conditional bail, the court asked Santosh to pay ₹4,000 deposits with two sureties. Santosh is likely to be release on Saturday.

K. Nataraj, advocate representing Santosh, alleged a conspiracy behind Santosh's arrest and accused the Forest officials of treating his client badly and booking him for disproportionate offences. There are many others who were in possession of tiger claws but the Forest Department officials issued them notice and treated them leniently, he said .

The report that Santosh bought the tiger claw from Tamil Nadu is false. The tiger claws are part of his ancestral property, said the lawyer.

Forest official arrested on charge of possessing tiger claw, suspended

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA/
BELAGAVI

Forest Department officials have arrested Darshan Kumar, a Deputy Range Forest Officer in Chikkamagaluru district, on charges of possessing a tiger claw.

The Koppa division of the department had received complaints that Mr. Kumar, attached to the Kalasa Range of Forest, possessed a tiger claw.

Summoned

Senior officers of the department summoned him. Initially, he did not respond to the summons and he was later arrested.

Nandish L., DCF, suspended Mr. Kumar.

Complaint

Based on a complaint by Supreeth and Abdul Khader of Arenur, department officials had registered a case against him.

The complainants alleged that Mr. Kumar had posted a photo, showing him wearing a tiger claw pendant, on social media platforms. He had removed the photos recently.

Animal skins seized

Meanwhile, forest officials on Friday searched the house of Ghouse Mohiddin Shakhadri, hereditary administrator of Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swami Dargah in Chikkamagaluru district, and seized the skins of wild animals, from his house in Chikkamagaluru city.

When *The Hindu* contacted Shakhadri, he said the skins seized had been with his family for more than a century. "I got them from my ancestors. I have conveyed the same to the officials," he said.

Pendant

In Belagavi, a team of forest officials visited the house of Minister for Women and Child Development Laxmi Hebbalkar to check if Mrinal Hebbalkar, her son, was wearing a tiger claw pendant. Mr. Mrinal handed over the pendant to the officers, who have sent it for examination. Meanwhile, Ms. Hebbalkar has claimed it was a plastic one.

Power disruption in parts of city tomorrow

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There will be a disruption in power supply on Sunday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. in the areas serviced by 220/66/11kV SRS Peenya MUSS owing to maintenance work of transformers and feeders.

According to a press notification from North Circle, Bescom, among the the areas that will be affected are: HMT Road, Peenya Police Station Road, Ganapathinagar Main Road, Chamundipura, Muneswara Temple Road, MEC Layout, and surrounding areas.

1,037 stolen phones recovered

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BENGALURU

The Bannerghatta police have busted an inter-State mobile robbery gang and recovered 1,037 phones which they had stolen from people in crowded places.

Caught in action

The gang was busted on October 21 when, based on a tip-off, a team of police led by Inspector Krishnakumar caught Mohammed Pasha and Mohammed Umar while they were trying to sell 100 stolen mobile phones to people on roadside near a private college.

Based on the information given during their interrogation, the police arrested the rest of their gang members, Ayan Aleem Pasha and Mohammed Saleem, and recovered a total of 1,037 mobile phones from them.

The accused would operate as a gang at crowded places and stole mobile phones from people after diverting their attention. The accused would later sell the mobile phones to their contacts for throwaway prices who in turn would sell the phones to their contacts in black market in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Bengaluru by sending the stolen mobile phones in packed boxes in private buses, B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Inspector General of Police (Central Range) said.

Drug racket busted, ₹5 crore worth of drugs seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing the crackdown on drug menace in the city, officials of the Central Crime Branch have arrested 10 peddlers, including seven foreign nationals, and recovered synthetic drugs worth over ₹5 crore from them.

The drive was carried in the last 15 days across the city based on specific inputs.

Recovered drugs

Among the seized drugs, the police said that they have recovered 3.8 kg of MDMA crystals and 5.1 kilos of Marijuana among other narcotics. According to the police, the arrested accused are part of a larger international narcotics network and source the drugs from their contacts elsewhere in the country, to smuggle into the city.

They were operating in Kadugodi, K.R. Puram, Soladevanahalli , HSR Layout, Whitefield, Banaswadi, and Parappana Agarahara areas, police said. The CCB officials also recovered nine mobile phones and analysing them to ascertain their contacts.

KSOU workshop

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MYSURU

A five-day workshop on 'Mastering Project Report: From Theory to Practice' being conducted by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) was inaugurated here on Friday. The workshop is interactive in nature and designed to equip M.Com students with the essential knowledge and skills to excel in preparing project reports.

Kolar police crack newborn theft case in six hours, baby rescued; CM lauds work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Since the baby had a health complication, it was admitted to ICU and handed over to the mother on Thursday.

In a swift action, the Kolar police have cracked a case of a newborn baby boy being stolen and arrested a 35-year-old woman within six hours of the incident, earning the praise of even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. A seven-year-old boy and an autorickshaw driver played a major role in helping the police to crack the case in record time.

Inspector B. Shankarachar, who investigated the case, said that Nandini, a 19-year-old woman was admitted to SNR district hospital on October 21 and delivered a boy the same day.

Since the baby had a health complication, it was admitted to ICU and handed over to the mother on Thursday. The mother and her aunt who was her caretaker were exhausted and slipped into a slumber with the baby sleeping in the cradle.

The accused Shilpa Swathi, 35, taking advantage of the situation ventured into the room, picked up the baby, concealed him in the vanity bag, and slipped away. Meanwhile, Karthik, 7, who was playing around noticed this and tried to wake up the mother and her aunt, but they were fast asleep.

Shilpa walked out of the hospital, and hired an autorickshaw belonging to Shivakumar, to go to Alambadi gate. Shivakumar had demanded ₹450 for which Shilpa paid him online and left.

Meanwhile after half an hour Karthik managed to wake up the mother and aunt and narrated the incident. Shocked, the mother rushed out and found the woman was missing and complained to the police.

Based on the complaint, Inspector Shankarachar and his team rushed to the hospital and found there were no security guards but the police found CCTV cameras and checked for the footage.

Karthik identified the woman following which they checked with other CCTV footage and alerted on social media about the woman.

When Shivakumar returned home from work and found about the police alert, he rushed to Malur town and informed the police and shared the number from which the payment was made.

The police managed to track down the accused in Berikai town in Tamil Nadu through her mobile location and rescued the baby.

Shilpa told the police that her younger sister Swethawas childless and she was helping her.

Superintendent of police M. Narayana appreciating the police work, said that he is recommending Karthik's name for Bal Shourya Puraskar and also felicitated Shivakumar for helping the police.

KSRP band trains with Army

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 120 band personnel of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) are being trained at the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre, Belagavi.

The month-long training began on October 3.

The curriculum includes military and police protocols, ensuring seamless integration.

The training programme covers a wide range of activities, such as marching drills, music theory, instrument proficiency.

Timings
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RISE 17:35	SET 05:28
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RISE 06:12	SET 17:54
RISE 18:20	SET 06:25
MONDAY, OCT. 30	
RISE 06:12	SET 17:54
RISE 19:09	SET 07:24

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This is to inform the general public that my clients is in the process of negotiating and purchasing property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder. Our clients have entered into an Agreement for Sale with its Owner, **Mrs. Vandana Rao** who having purchased from the then owners, **Mr. Anjaneyulu Prathipati, M/s. Rasasri Developers Pvt. Ltd.**, and **M/s. Telecom Employee Co-operative Housing Society Limited.** Any person/s having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction. Please note that the any claims whatsoever, if any, arise in future, shall not be entertained.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential converted vacant **Site No.384** having BBMP Khatha No.353/7/2/384, situated in **"PENN FIELD GARDENS"** formed and carved out in **Sy.No.7/2 of Srirampura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560 064,** presently comes under Jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura Sub-division, BBMP, Ward No.05, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 33 feet, totally measuring 1650 Sq. Ft., and bounded by: **East by: Road, West by: Site No.387, North by: Site No.383 and South by : Site No.385.**

Naveen Kumar.M. Advocate
No.11/12, Kushi Nilaya
BBMP office Road
Kogilu Village, Bengaluru 560064
Mail:mnklegal02@gmail.com
Ph. No.8147578188
Place: Bangalore Date:27/10/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Tushar Ranjan, S/o. Sri. Rabi Ranjan jena has intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners M/s. Whitehill Properties LLP, Represented by its Designated Partners Sri. Anji reddy Mettu & Sri. Shyam Kumar Mareedy Having its Office at Plot No. 76, Pembroke Layout, Panathur, Bangalore- 560103.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

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K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 27-10-2023

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Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 09-11-2023

2	**Description in Brief**:- Supply of 220KV, 1250 AMPS Double pole isolator without Earth switch and without insulator (Manually operated) as per RDSO Specification No. TI SPC PSI ISOLTR 0210, STR:CORE-STR-10 **(Qty. 18 Nos) Tender No. L8236621**

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Dated: 25-10-2023

Sl.	Description in Brief:- Complete set of
1	Control / Auxiliary Cubicle consists of SB1, SB2, HB1 and HB2 one number each along with all equipments and cabling with latest CLW Specifications. **(Qty. 01 Set) Tender No. L8236551**

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3	**Description in Brief**:- Set of FTRTIL WSPD (FT Type) item. **(Qty. 98 Nos.) Tender No. L8236594**

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INBRIEF

Six IAS officers transferred

The State government on Friday transferred six IAS officers and gave them new postings.

According to an official notification, Munish Mudgil, has been appointed as Special Commissioner (Revenue), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, with immediate effect and until further orders.

The other five officers who have been transferred and given new postings are Vinoth Priya R. - Zonal Commissioner (South); BBMP Snehal R. - Zonal Commissioner (East), BBMP; Sreevidya P.I. has been appointed as Mission Director, National Livelihood Mission (NLM), Bengaluru; Ragapriya R. has been posted until further orders as Commissioner, Employment and Training, Bengaluru.; and Jyothi K. has been made the Chairman, Karnataka School Examination and Evaluation Board.

HAL signs MoU with Safran

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and Safran Aircraft Engines have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to develop industrial cooperation in ring forging manufacturing for commercial engines.

HAL will produce LEAP (Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion, powering Airbus A320 Neo family and Boeing 737 Max) engine forgings at its foundry and forge facility in Bengaluru as part of the MoU. "Safran is a long-standing partner, especially on our helicopter programmes, as evidenced by the joint development of the Shakti helicopter engine. We are also going to co-design and co-produce the next-generation IMRH engine with Safran. We are proud to take this partnership to another level, and to develop our skills in key technologies," said C.B. Ananthakrishnan, chairman and managing director (additional charge), HAL.

"We are delighted to expand our collaboration with HAL," said Jean-Paul Alary, CEO, Safran Aircraft Engines.

Rajyotsava spirit dimmed under Centre's 'shadow of neglect': Siddaramaiah

Questions Centre's 'silence' on the demand for relief by the State, which is reeling under drought

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As Karnataka is set to celebrate the golden jubilee of renaming the State on November 1, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accused the Central government of neglecting the State by denying funds for undertaking infrastructure projects and drought relief work.

'Neglect of 9.5 years'

"This year marks a significant milestone for Karnataka, as we celebrate 50 years since our beloved State was renamed. Kannada Rajyotsava on November 1 should be a time of joy, pride, and collective celebration. However, the shadow of neglect and indifference cast by the Central government over the last 9.5 years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership dims our festive spirit," Mr. Siddaramaiah said in a release.

With the hashtag #AnswerMadiModi (answer Modi), the Chief Minister said that drought-hit Karnataka is facing a loss of ₹33,770 crore, and despite a plea for ₹17,901 crore in relief, the Centre was silent. He listed out comparative compensation sums released to Karnataka in 2017 (during drought) and 2019 (during floods), making the point that other States got better compensations. For instance, he said that in 2017, Karnataka received ₹1,445 crore while Maharashtra (₹8,195 crore), Gujarat (₹3,894 crore) and Rajasthan (₹2,153 crore) got much higher sums. He sought to know if Centre was taking "revenge" on State.

> It's a time when the spirit of Karnataka shines brightest, and we, the people, deserve better. We demand recognition, respect, and a fair share of the nation's growth.
> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

"Karnataka, with its rich history and significant contributions to India's growth, finds itself asking a painful question: 'Why no love for Karnataka?'," the Chief Minister asked.

Big contribution

Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged that under the Modi-led BJP rule, Karnataka's aspirations and needs had been constantly overshadowed. "Our State has faced a consistent denial of funds, despite contributing significantly to India's coffers. Critical infrastructure projects are left without support, while our revered PSUs face closure threats. Our rich cultural heritage is met with indifference, and crucial river water issues remain unresolved. Furthermore, the deafening silence and lack of assistance during times of natural disasters is deeply concerning," the Chief Minister said.

He said Karnataka hoped for a change, especially as it approaches Kannada Rajyotsava. "It's a time when the spirit of Karnataka shines brightest, and we, the people, deserve better. We demand recognition, respect, and a fair share of the nation's growth," he said.

Call to BJP MPs

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP MPs from the State should question their central leadership, advocating for Karnataka's rights and aspirations.

"As we embark on the next chapter post our golden jubilee, it is imperative that the essence of inclusive growth is not just a slogan but a lived reality," he said.

Rangoli, kite flying, book release to mark launch of 'Karnataka Sambhrama'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Drawing rangolis and flying kites in the Kannada flag colours of yellow and red, lighting 'Kannada Jyothi', releasing books, and organising various competitions will be part of the State government's yearlong programmes that will commence on November 1, 2023, to mark the golden jubilee celebrations of the renaming the Mysuru State as Karnataka.

Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi on Friday told reporters that a number of programmes would be conducted to portray the rich history, culture, and literature of the State from November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024. Fifty books on various aspects of Karnataka would be released and emblems of Karnataka Sambhrama-50 would be printed on the letterheads of the State government.

Appeal to citizens

The Minister appealed to all citizens to hoist Kannada flags on November 1, draw rangoli in front of their houses in yellow and red, and light oil lamps. Five songs written by five well-known writers would be sung on November 1, he said.

While Ministers would hoist flags in all districts, MLAs would hoist the Kannada flag in all their respective constituencies to mark the beginning of the yearlong celebrations of the 50th anniversary – Karnataka Sambhrama.

In schools and colleges

Various cultural programmes would be held in schools, colleges, and educational institutions. All educational institutions have been directed to hoist Kannada flags and organise cultural programmes on November 1.

Every village must hold kite flying contests with kites depicting the colours of the Kannada flag, he said.

Kannada chariot

The government would roll out a chariot that would carry details of the evolution of the Kannada language and literature. The chariot would criss-cross the State covering all districts, taluk, hoblis, and villages, he said.

The government has planned to rope in the support of Kannadiga diaspora. "We are in touch with 50 Kannadiga associations abroad. We will shortly hold a virtual meeting with all these associations to seek their participation," he said.

The government has proposed to felicitate 50 women achievers on the occassion.

Patil proposes renaming Vijayapura after Basaveshwara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar proposed to rename Ramanagara as Bengaluru South, his Cabinet colleague and Industries Minister M.B. Patil on Friday mooted an idea to rename Vijayapura after 12th-century social reformer Basaveshwara.

M.B. Patil

Mr. Patil went a step further and said there was nothing wrong in calling Karnataka 'Basava Naadu', at a time when the State is celebrating the golden jubilee of renaming the Mysore State as Karnataka.

There is nothing wrong in calling Karnataka 'Basava Naadu', says the Minister

Mr. Patil, who belongs to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community and represents the Babaleshwar constituency in Vijayapura district, said he would discuss renaming Vijayapura after Basaveshwara with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "There are some technicalities. We will discuss the merits and demerits of changing the name again with the Chief Minister and then decide," he said on Friday, speaking to reporters at his residence in Bengaluru.

Vijayapura was known as Bijapur up until 2014 when the Union government approved changing the names of 12 cities in the State, including its capital from Bangalore to Bengaluru.

"Many people have demanded that it be renamed as Basaveshwara district, the district that gave birth to Basavanna," Mr. Patil said. When asked about the demands to rename Karnataka as 'Bavanna Nadu', the Minister said, "There is nothing wrong with it... It was Basavanna who gave Anubhava Mantapa, the first parliament of the world. We keep saying that our land should become Basava Nadu that we must embrace Basava samskruti."

Eight to get Maharishi Valmiki Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Maharishi Valmiki Award for 2023 will be conferred on eight persons during the Valmiki Jayanti celebrations on October 28. The awards will be presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who will also inaugurate the celebrations.

The award winners are the former Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka N.Y. Hanumanthappa (judiciary), Mahadevappa Kom. Rangaswamy (religion), Ramanna Mahadeva Gasti (education), G.O. Mahantappa (social service), Somanna (social organisation), Sharada Prabhu Huli Nayaka (medicine), Sukanya Maruthi (literature), and Sujathamma (theatre).

Minister Youth Empowerment, Sports, and Tribal Welfare B. Nagendra said 113 applications had been received and eight applicants had been selected for the award. The awardees would be given a purse of ₹5 lakh and 20 gram gold. Mr. Nagendra said ₹1.5 lakh would be given to each district for the conduct of various programmes.

Aadhaar scam: BJP petitions poll panel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP has further escalated the issue of alleged Aadhaar card racket in Bengaluru by petitioning the Election Commission, seeking a comprehensive probe.

A delegation of BJP leaders led by the former Minister S. Suresh Kumar submitted the petition to the Election Commission in Bengaluru.

The delegation expressed concern that such a racket would amount to breaching national security.

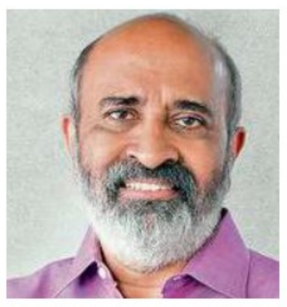
'Probe role of Minister'

The BJP has been demanding that the probe into the Aadhaar scam should also look into the alleged role of Congress leader and Minister Bhyrati Basavaraj, who is said to have an association with the accused.

We are the real JD(S), claims Kerala unit

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala leadership of the Janata Dal (S) [JD(S)] on Friday claimed that party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda has automatically lost his position as national president by deciding to join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).



Mathew T. Thomas

Stating that they were "the real JD(S)" following the decision by Mr. Gowda and his son H.D. Kumaraswamy to partner with the BJP, Mathew T. Thomas, State president of the party, said there was no lack of clarity on their position.

'No pressure from LDF'

"We are not under any pressure from the LDF to declare our position as the executive committee meet on October 7 had already passed a resolution making it clear that the State unit will remain an ally of the Left front," he said.

An executive committee meet of the JD(S) held in Kochi resolved to take forward the efforts to unify other State units that have opposed Mr. Gowda's decision.

The party's Kerala leadership is also mulling options as to whether those opposing the party supremo can stake a claim to being the "real JD(S)". Mr. Thomas said the Kerala unit would stick to the position adopted at the national plenary that the JD(S) will be "an anti-BJP and non-Congress force."

Criticised

The United Democratic Front (UDF) had criticised the dual positions adopted by the national and State leadership of the JD(S), especially after Mr. Gowda had stated that his alliance with the BJP had the "tacit approval" of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

'Social consciousness a huge differentiator for businesses'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dignitaries at the inaugural edition of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce Leadership Forum 2023-24 on Friday.

Social consciousness is increasingly becoming a differentiating factor for businesses globally and therefore corporates and small and medium enterprises in India should strictly adhere to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) standards, urged Geetanjali Kirloskar, chairperson and managing director, Kirloskar Systems and chairperson, Toyota Tsusho Insurance Broker India.

This trend was driven by the fact that organisations across the globe preferred to do business with companies that have a reputation for sustainability, and ethical governance hence it was important for Indian businesses to embrace ethics, better governance and social consciousness, she said, while speaking at the opening session of Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) Leadership Forum 2023-24 here on Friday. "It is imperative that larger companies work with their suppliers in decarbonising their value chain. Going forward, social consciousness will be a differentiating factor for businesses and leaders need to ensure strict adherence to ESG standards, failing which India will not be able to meet its ESG goals for 2030," Ms. Kirloskar cautioned.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

K. RAJAGOPALAN (92)
Retd. Officer - Reserve Bank of India, Chennai
Passed away on 27th October, 2023 at his daughter's residence
Old 25, New 53 Venkatnarayana Road, T.Nagar, Chennai 600017, Phone: 9962004141
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Sl.No.	Work Details	Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs)	Amount of E.M.D. (in Rupees)
01	DMA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT4941	68.33	170825.00

1. Last Date for Submission of Tender (Through e-portal Only): **02.11.2023 Upto 5.30 PM, Date of opening of Technical bid Dated: 04.11.2023 after 11.30 AM**
2. Further details can be obtained from the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and from the office of Municipal commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagara or Assistant Executive Engineer City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagara
3. Any amendments/addendums will be published on the portal only and the tenderers shall abide by all the conditions mentioned in the tender documents.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
CMC, Chamarajanagara

Sd/- Administrator
CMC, Chamarajanagara

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client M/S. ANANTHAM GRUHAM DEVELOPERS PVT. LTD., having its office at No.365, 7th A cross, 4th A Main Road, Health Layout, Srigandadakavalu, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru 560091, represented by its directors Sri. Ashoka.M.K, and Sri. Ravindra.R, are intending to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule herein below from MR. BASAVARAJA .C KENGAPUR, S/o. Chandrashekarappa, aged about 60 years, residing at Flat No.79, Beeluru Nagar, Opposite to Medical College, Navanagar, Bagalkote Taluk & District, as he claims that he is the absolute owner in possession of the Schedule Property and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims or demands of whatsoever nature.

Any person/s having objection to the transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of this notice. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, my clients would go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the property below mentioned deeming there is/are no objection/s from whomsoever and of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece and parcel of immovable residentially converted land bearing (I) Sy No.121/1 (Old Sy No.121) measuring 04:30.08 (A/G) and land bearing (ii) Sy No.121/2 (Old Sy No.121) measuring 04:22.08 (A/G) - Both converted vide. Official memorandum bearing No.LAND10017861 dated 23/08/2023, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, situated at Arakere Village,Kasaba North Hobli, Tumkur Taluk& District, which is bounded on: East by : Land in Sy Nos.107 &108; West by : Land in Sy No.120; North by : Land in Sy Nos.120 & 122; South by : Land in Sy No.109.

Sd/- V. C. Chandan,
Advocate, LEGAL EYES, Advocates & Solicitors, No.892, 'Prathama', 8th A Main Road, Bengaluru, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru – 560 079.
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‘If voted to power, BJP’s CM will be from backward class’

Union Home Minister Amit Shah calls the BRS anti-poor, anti-Dalit; he says both Congress and BRS are interested in perpetuating dynastic rule and won’t work for the development of Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Poll promises: Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a gathering in Hyderabad on Friday. PTI

The BJP has decided to have a person from the backward classes as the Chief Minister if it is elected to power in Telangana in the current Assembly election, declared Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday.

The ruling BRS is “anti-poor, anti-Dalit” and “anti-weaker sections” and along with the Congress, it was only interested in perpetuating dynastic rule. “Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao’s BRS and Sonia Gandhi’s Congress party are keen on making K.T. Rama Rao as Chief Minister and Rahul Gandhi as Prime Minister, respectively, but not on working for the development or welfare of Telangana,” he charged.

Addressing a public meeting at Suryapet, the BJP leader asserted that the BRS and the Congress work more for the benefit of the families in charge and are not at all concerned about the poor or the common people. “Telangana can be developed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Are you going to support him for another term at the helm or not,” he asked the gathering.

Mr. Shah posed a series of questions to KCR about his promises made earlier. “What happened to the vow to make a Dalit the Chief Minister? What happened to the promised provision of ₹50,000 crore for the development of the Dalits? What happened to the ₹1,000 crore fund for the development of the BCs?” he questioned.

Telangana BJP president G. Kishan Reddy promised to build an industrial corridor between Hyderabad and Vijayawada along with corruption-free governance and free health and education for the poor, if BJP is elected to power.

‘Team that rocked Cong.-JD(S) boat trying to lure Cong. MLAs’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mandya MLA Ravikumar Gowda (Ravi Ganiga) of the Congress on Friday claimed that a team that was behind the fall of the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition government in 2019 was now working to lure Congress legislators with offers like ₹50 crore and a Minister’s post, and that four legislators had already been contacted.

‘CM, Dy.CM informed’

Speaking in Davangere, he claimed that those who brought down the Congress-JD(S) coalition government were now going to the doors of Congress legislators to lure them, adding that there was evidence for it which would be “revealed very soon”.

He said no MLA had fallen prey to such inducements. “They (Congress MLAs) were told that a flight would be booked to take them to Delhi, where they would meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah. They were also told that several other Congress legislators were already with them, and they were made to hear certain phone conversations to ensure they believed in it ... There is a team working on such a thing,” he alleged and added that this had been brought to the notice of the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister.

The MLA also claimed that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would become the Chief Minister after two-and-half years of the Siddaramaiah-led government’s tenure.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.6	22.6	Kozhikode	—	34.8	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	36.3	20.6	Kurnool	—	37.0	20.2
Aizawl	3	24.0	17.5	Lucknow	—	33.5	17.3
Allahabad	—	34.0	16.8	Madurai	—	33.7	24.0
Bengaluru	—	30.8	19.6	Mangaluru	—	32.8	23.6
Bhopal	—	33.0	15.8	Mumbai	—	36.0	21.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.6	21.1	Mysuru	—	32.0	21.4
Chandigarh	—	31.8	13.2	New Delhi	—	32.2	15.2
Chennai	—	32.5	26.1	Patna	—	32.4	20.2
Coimbatore	—	32.8	24.2	Port Blair	2	31.8	25.4
Dehradun	—	29.9	13.5	Puducherry	—	34.0	25.2
Gangtok	—	19.8	12.3	Pune	—	32.1	14.4
Goa	—	34.8	21.5	Raipur	—	31.0	16.2
Guwahati	—	33.0	21.3	Ranchi	—	29.0	16.4
Hubballi	—	33.0	19.0	Shillong	3	23.0	12.0
Hyderabad	—	31.8	16.6	Shimla	—	23.3	12.4
Imphal	—	29.0	16.3	Srinagar	—	22.0	4.9
Jaipur	—	33.0	18.4	Thiruvananthapuram	31	32.1	23.8
Kochi	—	30.6	25.6	Tiruchi	—	33.5	24.6
Kohima	—	22.0	12.4	Vijayawada	—	35.0	25.2
Kolkata	—	31.1	24.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	26.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO 2	NO 2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.32	145	42	153	151	
Bengaluru	6	11	50	127	119	
Chennai	.12	.22	42	135	120	
Delhi	.13	.81	99	322	288	
Hyderabad	.12	9	22	164	139	
Kolkata	.46	.49	39	115	110	
Lucknow	4	.38	30	165	136	
Mumbai	.24	135	27	194	195	
Pune	3	.62	42	133	134	
Visakhapatnam	6	.34	44	97	110	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Vatva, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 298 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Clear Bill seeking NEET exemption, Stalin tells Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday handed over a representation to President Droupadi Murmu in Chennai, reiterating the Tamil Nadu government’s request to give assent to the Bill that seeks to ‘dispense’ with the requirement for candidates to qualify in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to the undergraduate medical courses in the State.

Mr. Stalin handed over the representation to the President a few moments before she boarded her aircraft at the end of her visit to the city. Governor R.N. Ravi and Minister for Higher Education K. Ponmudy were present.

In his representation, he said the Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, 2021, had been pending for the President’s assent for more than a year. “Considering the fact that the NEET-based medical selection process is

M.K. Stalin handing over a representation to the President at the airport, just before she boarded her flight. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

against the students of poor and disadvantaged backgrounds, Tamil Nadu has opted for the MBBS selection process through the +2 marks. This process had served our State’s interests well in the past but had to be discontinued due to the Union government’s introduction of NEET and subsequent changes in the Union legislation,” read the representation.

He reiterated that the “inordinate delay” in granting assent to the Bill had deprived many deserving students of admission to the medical courses and “has effectively stalled the intent of the broad legislative, political and social consensus in Tamil Nadu”.

Later, Mr. Stalin said on social media, “Under our continued quest for equity, let’s unite for the lakhs of our deserving students, who are anxiously awaiting the Presidential assent to the #NEET Exemption Bill. Their hopes and aspirations rest on this decision, which should brook no further delay. Doing away with NEET is the collective will of the people of Tamil Nadu. We will see to it that it is done!”

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EMPANELMENT AND ENGAGEMENT OF TEV CONSULTANTS IN STATE BANK OF INDIA, CHENNAI CIRCLE

As per uniform guidelines, issued by our Corporate Centre, Mumbai, SBI, Chennai Circle invites applications for empanelment and engagement of External Consultants for conducting Techno Economic Viability (TEV) Study. The interested applicants shall submit the application form along with other relevant enclosures / documents till 30.11.2023 by 05.00 pm.

For detailed guidelines in respect of eligibility criteria, process of empanelment, indicative scope of work etc, please visit “SBI in the NEWS > Show More > Empanelment of Vendors “ under Bank’s Official Website **https://bank.sbi**.

Date: 28.10.2023 **AGM (C&PM) / CM(CSC)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. R. K. Senthil Raj Kumar, S/o. Sri. Kalidoss has intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. chandraiah Atheeth, S/o. Late S. M. chandraiah rep. by his GPA holder and Developer M/s. Whitehill Properties LLP, Represented by its Designated Partners Sri. Anji Reddy Mettu & Sri. Shyam Kumar Mareedy Having its Office at Plot No. 76, Pembroke Layout, Panathur, Bangalore- 560103.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Approved residential Villa Plot bearing No.12, Block- C3 Panchyath Khata No.1092/1092 , PID No. 150200102201801549 measuring 1900 Sq. Ft. SBA in the layout “ROYAL TULIP ”, formed as per approval No. STRRPA/TP/DP/04/2020-21 Dt: 05-08-2021, in converted land bearing Sy. No. 118/1 & 118/3, situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and bounded on the : East by: Land in Sy. No. 122, West by:Land in Sy. No. 117, North by: Remaining land in Sy. NO. 118, South by : Land bearing in Sy. No. 49 & 50.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 27-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Shishir Tripathi, S/o. Sri. Shiv Kumar Tripathi has intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners M/s. Whitehill Properties LLP, Represented by its Designated Partners Sri. Anji reddy Mettu & Sri. Shyam Kumar Mareedy Having its Office at Plot No. 76, Pembroke Layout, Panathur, Bangalore- 560103.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Approved residential Villa Plot bearing No. 8, Block- G5 Panchyath Khata No.1092/1092 , PID No. 150200102201801549 measuring 1900 Sq. Ft. SBA in the layout “ROYAL TULIP ”, formed as per approval No. STRRPA/TP/ DP/04/2020-21 Dt: 05-08-2021, in converted land bearing Sy. No.125/1, situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and bounded on the: East by:Land bearing Sy.No.125/2, West by: Land bearing Sy. No.126, North by : Pandithana Agrahara Village Border, South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 124.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
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Bangalore, Date : 27-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Subhash Chandra Mahanta, S/o. Sri. Maheswar Mahanta has intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners M/s. Whitehill Properties LLP, Represented by its Designated Partners Sri. Anji reddy Mettu & Sri. Shyam Kumar Mareedy, having its Office at Plot No. 76, Pembroke Layout, Panathur, Bangalore- 560103.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Approved residential Villa Plot bearing No.7, Block- G6 Panchyath Khata No.1092/1092, PID No. 150200102201801549 measuring 1900 Sq. Ft. SBA in the layout “ROYAL TULIP ”, formed as per approval No. STRRPA/TP/ DP/04/2020-21 Dt: 05-08-2021, in converted land bearing Sy. No.125/1, situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Sy. No.125/2, West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 126, North by : Pandithana Agrahara Village Border, South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 124.

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Bangalore, Date : 27-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated to purchase the Property, which is more fully described in the Schedule below from its Owner **Mr.S.Ravi Shankar Mani,** son of Mr.Subramani Iyer @NS Mani residing at No.707, EL Dorado Blvd, Apt.1723, Houston-77064, Texas, U.S. Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule Property or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed/instrument easement or however otherwise, may submit his/her/its/their objection/s claim/s, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within **FIFTEEN days** of the issuance of this notice, failing which, my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that land bearing Survey No.53/1, measuring Twenty One Guntas, Survey No.54, measuring Five Acres Fourteen Guntas and Survey No.52/3, measuring Seven Acres Twenty Seven Guntas, in all measuirng 13 Acres 22 Guntas, all situated at Chunchegowda Hosahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and together bounded as follows:- ON THE EAST: Land belongs to Muni Erappa; WEST: Land belongs to Gangappa; NORTH: Land belongs to Muniyappa; SOUTH: Government Land; Bengaluru.

(K.S.MADANA GOPAL), Advocate, No.1, Ground Floor, ROYAL PARK, No.34, Park Road, BENGALURU - 560 051. Ph.No. 22864065
Place: Bangalore Date: 28-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. A. VINAY,** Aged about 31 years, S/o. Mr. N. Anand Murthy, R/at. #331, Thanisandra, Dr. SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560077, had executed Registered Special Power of Attorney dated 17/01/2018 in favour of Mr. Harish Mahender Kumar, S/o. Mahender Kumar, R/of No.86, Basavanagudi Bengaluru -560004, vide registered Document No.BNS-4-00694-2017-18, stored in CD No.BNSD638, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Banasawadi on 17/01/2018, wherein the said **S.P.A dated 17/01/2018 is now hereby terminated and cancelled** and same is informed by my client to announce to the general public.

Any persons having any claim/s or transactions on the basis of the said SPA will not bind on my client, in any manner and shall be null and void and any transactions taking place from hereafter are agaisnt the wish and will of my client and same will be held illegal.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property portion of **No.72/1,** situated at **Thanisandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West 48 feet and North to South 85 Feet, in all measuring 4080 Sq. ft and and bounded on the:

East by : Sri. Vinay’s House,
West by : House Road and Kalyana Mantapa,
North by : Remaining portion of same property no 72/1,
South by : Property belonging to Marappa Venkatamari.

The schedule property consists of RCC Roofed House, Vitrified Flooring, 1995 Sq.ft in ground floor and 1995 Sq.ft in First Floor, walls are built with cement and bricks and windows are made with Honne Wood and with all civic amenities.

Sri. R. HARSHA, Advocate
Office At. #665/3, 1st Main, 1st Cross K.Narayanapura, Dr. SRK Nagar Post, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Tq Bangalore -560 077 Ph-9513377337

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an Agreement to Sell to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri.T. Ramakrishna, S/o.Late. Sri.Thimmarayappa** and **Smt.Chandrika.R.** D/o. Sri.T.Ramakrishna, both Residing at No.406, Nagaraja Colony, Immadihalli, White Field, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru- 560 066.

Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase may lodge their claims/ objections with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE - PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.28, carved out Sy.Nos.7 and 8, of Yediyuru, Ward No.166, Karisandra, together with an house constructed thereon, measuring East to West (41.0 +42.0)/2 Feet and North to South 28 Feet, in all measuring 1162 Sq.ft., having (PID No.59-116-28), and bounded on the: East by: Property bearing No.31; West by: Road; North by: Property bearing No.27; South by: Property bearing No.29.

Y.S.H.Reddy, Advocate
No.503, 1st Floor, Sai Leela Suites, No.1, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Parallel to 80 Feet Road, HMT Layout, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 032.

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Notice is hereby given that the sale deed dated 11-05-2006 registered as documents No. 5368/2006-07 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru and supplement deed dated 22-11-2012 registered as document No. 8329 / 2012-13 in the office of Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Banashankari) Bengaluru have been lost or misplaced and Anantha Padmanabha Sharma have lodged Police Complaint Lost Report No. 0750806 / 2023 dated 3-10-2023. The public hereby warned against purchasing or dealing in any way with above said documents.

Any person(s) who has / have any claim(s) in respect of the said documents should lodge such claim(s) with me within 15 days of publication of this notice, after which no claim will be entertained.

Contact : **M.N. Munireddy, Advocate**
Mobile : 94482 28352

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender No.: SBC-GSU-ENGG-2023-21
Dated : 19-10-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru Cantonment -Whitefield Quadrupling: Collection, Supply and stacking of machine crushed stone Ballast on cess / formation from Km 350/200-332/600 between Bengaluru Cantonment and White field stations.	Rs. 8,18,40,000/-

Last date for submission of bids for:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 10-11-2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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No. DPAR-CEG0ADM/51/2023-CEG Date: 27.10.2023

NOTIFICATION

INVITATION FOR THE POST OF PROJECT DIRECTOR, KSWAN ON DEPUTATION BASIS

The Centre for e-Governance is a Society established by the Government of Karnataka under DPAR (e-Governance) and registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, invites applications from the eligible candidates for the post of **Project Director, Karnataka State Wide Area Network (PD, KSWAN)** on deputation basis for a period of 3 years, extendable on need basis as the case may be in the pay scale of PB Level-13/13A/14 or equivalent. Candidates may refer **https://ceg.karnataka.gov.in** for details such as qualification, experience, submission of application, T&C etc.,

Last date of submission of application : **45 days from the date of this advertisement.**

Sd/- Administrative Officer
Centre for e-Governance

DIPR/CP/YC/1878/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar. Po:Habbuwada, Karwar, Uttara Kannada Dist-581 306.
Phone: 08382-229735 E-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com
NO.: EE/RDWSD/KWR/JJM/2023-24/1547 DATE: 26.10.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar invites on behalf of Governor of Karnataka request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the work detailed in the table below. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP Act and Standard Tender Document KW-IV shall be followed. The tenders are required to submit through E-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **27.10.2023 to 03.11.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **31.10.2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs** (3) Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (4) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **03.11.2023 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **04.11.2023 Time : 17:00 Hrs.** (6) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidder after approval of Technical Bid.

Name of the work: (1) INDENT5758 (2) INDENT6586

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned **(Phone: 08382-229735 E mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com)** and also through website kppp.karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/311/23-24 dt.26.10.2023

***Sd/-* Executive Engineer,**
RDW&S Division, Karwar, Uttara Kannada District

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE I & II)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP portal only) (Two Cover System)

e-tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works for the following works : **1) No.: KPCL/2023-24/GH/WORK_INDENT431/CALL-2 Dated 19.10.2023 :** Renovation of Hydraulic power pack system of penstock gate of Unit-3 at Kadra Dam and Unit-3 at Kodasalli Dam. Amount put to tender : Rs. **42,74,277/-** EMD: Rs. **85,500/- 2) No.: KPCL/2023-24/GH/WORK_INDENT155 Dated 19.10.2023 :** Supply and replacement of hanger stud seal kit for 500T capacity hydraulic cylinders of two river sluice service gates and two emergency gates at Supa Dam. Amount put to tender : Rs. **8,02,400/-** EMD: Rs. **20,100/- 3) No.: KPCL/2023-24/ GH/WORK_INDENT157 Dated 19.10.2023 :** AMC of various hydro-mechanical equipment of various dams and gates across KHEP Stage I & II. Amount put to tender :Rs. **29,48,669/-** EMD: Rs. **59,000/- 4) No.: KPCL/2023-24/ GH/WORK_INDENT640 Dated 19.10.2023:** Sand blasting and epoxy painting of four numbers of radial gates and three numbers of intake structure gates at upper Kaneri Dam. Amount put to tender : Rs. **44,25,353/-** EMD: Rs. **88,550/- 5) No.:KPCL/2023-24/ GH/WORK_INDENT 639 Dated 19.10.2023 :** Painting for four radial gates (4,5,6 & 7) Kadra dam, Enamel painting to penstock gate gantry crane, hydraulic hoist structures of penstock gate and floating shaft of Kadra & Kodasalli Dam. Amount put to tender: Rs. **82,51,746/-** EMD: Rs. **1,65,100/- 6) No.:KPCL/2023-24/ GH/WORK_INDENT643 Dated 19.10.2023 :** Sand blasting and painting of 6 Nos. of radial gate stoplog elements at Bommana halli Pick up dam and a 70T gantry crane at Tattihalla dam Amount put to tender : Rs. **20,46,538/-** EMD: Rs. **50,000/-** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **03.11.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Gates), Kali,** KPCL, Kadra- 581 396, Tq. Karawar, North Kanara - Mobile : 9141611350, email : eegateskali@gmail.com

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPCL invites tenders from Class-IV and above contractors registered in KPWD for the following works in two cover system:

1) KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT620, dated: 16.10.2023 for Replacement of damaged glazed steel windows with wooden windows for residential buildings and providing shelves with MS angles for Type-IV (1st Stage Quarters) at RTPS Colony. Amount put to tender**: Rs.19.51 Lakhs.**

2) KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT 621, dated: 16.10.2023 Providing and fixing of balcony grills for Type-B and Type-C buildings and MS safety doors for residential buildings at RTPS Colony. Amount put to tender**: Rs.14.70 Lakhs.**

3) KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT 625, dated: 16.10.2023 Replacement of damaged balcony doors and other repair works at RPCL Multi-storied residential buildings at RTPS Colony. Amount put to tender**: Rs.15.00 Lakhs.**

4) KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT 660, dated: 16.10.2023 Repairs to damaged columns, beams, walls including plastering and painting to Type-B & Type-C Quarters at RTPS Colony. Amount put to tender**: Rs.19.92 Lakhs.**

5) KPCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 768, dated: 16.10.2023 Improvement works at Administrative building at RTPS. Amount put to tender**: Rs.10.17 Lakhs.**

6) KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT 780, dated: 16.10.2023 Revamping of UGD networks in Krishna Block of RTPS Colony. Amount put to tender**: Rs.19.99 Lakhs.**

Work completion period (including monsoon). For Sl No. 1 to 4: **04 months.** For Sl. No. 2, 3, 5 & 6: **03 months.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (CCM), Mobile: 94495 96582** (for Sl. No. 1 to 4 & 6)/ **Executive Engineer (PCM-2), Mobile: 94495 96594** (for Sl. No. 5), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist.

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No. Ex.O/EO/Tender-eproc.06/ARS, Sankeshwar/ 2023-24 **Date : 26.10.2023**

"INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Through e-Procurement Portal"

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is inviting **"Expression of Interest" through e-Procurement portal for outsourcing jaggery park situated at ARS, Sankeshwar for production of Organic and Chemical free jaggery (For a period of Three Years).** The detailed information on terms & conditions can be had by visiting the link (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Interested Registered Private Organisations / Firms, Farmers/ Farmers Associations are requested to participate in Tender through e-Procurement portal **online only.** For registration in e-procurement portal tenderers may contact No: 080-22230960 / 080-22234115 and get updated with addendum / corrigendum (if any) issued online time to time on the above said link. An **EMD of Rs. 25,000=00** shall be paid in any form stipulated by e-procurement portal to participate in the bid.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Last date and time for tender queries / clarification	:	**09.11.2023 (Thursday) till 16.00 PM**
Date for Pre-Bid Meeting (In the Office of E.O.)	:	**10.11.2023 (Friday) at 11.30 AM**
Last date & time for receipt of Tender (Please Note: One hard copy of the documents should also reach the undersigned on or before the last date of receipt of tender)	:	**25.11.2023 (Saturday) till 16.00 PM**
Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid	:	**27.11.2023 (Monday) at 11.30 AM**

For more details please contact 0836-2214231 during office hours.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER, UAS, Dharwad

DIPR/Dwd/ 427/2023-24/DeshpandePublicity

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that our client **a) Smt. Nagarathnamma @ Nagarathna.N** w/o Nagaraju.T, **b) Shri. Nagaraju.T** s/o Thammaiappa, **c) Shri. N. Mohan** s/o Nagaraju.T and **d) Smt. Shylaja .N** w/o Nagaraju. **all residing at No. 260/1, 6th Cross, 4th Main, Venkatapura, Kormangala, 1st Block, Bengaluru-560034** executed Agreement of Sale dated 13th September, 2021 in favour of SRI. K.N. BABU REDDY, S/o Late Nanjundappa Reddy, R/at No.57, Samruddi, Kachamaranahalli Village, Gunjur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru -560 087 along with SRI. SATISH K.V. S/o Late G. Venkataswamy Reddy, R/at No.84, Kachamaranahalli Village, Gunjur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru -560 087, in respect of **Schedule Property All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy. No.43/3, measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District** have, by notice dated 19.10.2023 **TERMINATED** the said Agreement of Sale. The public is hereby cautioned that any person who has transacted with SRI. K.N. BABU REDDY and SRI. SATISH K.V. purporting to act pursuant to the above Agreement of Sale will have to take recourse to the said SRI. K.N. BABU REDDY and SRI. SATISH K.V.. Any person transacting in future with SRI. K.N. BABU REDDY and SRI. SATISH K.V. purporting to act pursuant to the above Agreement of Sale will be doing it at their own risk and peril.

Udita Ramesh, Principal Associate
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar

E-procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No:16/2023-24, Dated:20.10.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission(Functional household tap connection) 2023-24 of Kolar District, Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/ CPWD(Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **10.11.2023 upto 17.30 hours.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer,RDW&S Division, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:182/KSMCA/2023-24

TAMILNADU MINERALS LIMITED

(An Undertaking of Government of Tamil Nadu)
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005. Phone No.28862818, 28511972
E-Mail: tamin@tamingranites.com Website: www.tamingranites.com

RC.No.TAMIN/1455/2023-P4 **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER** Dated: 28.10.2023

E-Tendering Portal: **https://tntenders.gov.in**

Online tenders are invited in two cover system for the following tender

1	Description of work	e-Tender with reverse auction for fixing of Hire Seated Van Transport Contractor for transportation of pick up and dropping of all shifts employees from Sivganga Town to TAMIN Sivaganga Graphite Mine / Factory
2	Tender No. & Date	TAMIN/1455/2023-P4, Dated:27.10.2023
3	Tender ID	**2023_TNMIN_382902_1**
4	Bid submission End Date	**27.11.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.**
5	Technical Bid Opening Date	**28.11.2023 at 16.00 hrs.**
6	Financial Bid Opening Date	Will be intimated later on through Tamil Nadu Government's e-Tender portal
7	Tender form Fee & EMD	Rs.1000/-(Non refundable) & Rs.30,000/- online payment only

DIPR/5775/TENDER/2023 GENERAL MANAGER(FINANCE)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sl.No. RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:11/2023-24/983 Date: 26-10-2023

1) Last Date for Tender queries/ Clarifications : 02-11-2023 at 11:00 hours
2) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of Completed : 07-11-2023 at 17:00 hours
Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from
3) Date of Technical Bid Opening (If possible) : 08-11-2023 at 17:00 hours
4) Date of Financial Bid Opening (If possible) : 10-11-2023 at 10:00 hours
5) Date of Pre bid meeting at Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S : Division, Haveri 03-11-2023 at 11:00 hours

Inviting tenders of Water Supply works of Hangal Taluk under JJM scheme.

Indent No : (1) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6677 (2) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6676

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the date of hosting the tender.

Executive Engineer
ಪಾ.ನಾ.ಸ./ಹಾವೇರಿ/294/2023–24/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ R.D.W&S Division, Haveri

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APPENDIX IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on **11.08.2023** by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. (the secured creditor). The Property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 16/11/2023** for recovery of **Rs.2,01,60,003/- (Rupees Two Crore One Lakh Sixty Thousand Three Only) as on 30.09.2023** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the **borrower M/s. Aero Star Global Logistics India Pvt. Ltd.,and guarantors Gopala Krishnan Nair Sundaresan, Mrs. Ramya B., Mr. Bhaskaran Nair.**

Description of Immovable properties : Property of Mr. S Gopala Krishnan Nair and Mrs. Ramya B (Sale Deed Document No: 5371 of 2010-2011, dated 25-11-2010) : All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant site bearing No. 5, BBMP Katha No. 72, Municipal No. 9, ward No. 149, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq. feet, formed in Old. Sy. No. 224, New Sy. No 224/1, which is duly converted from agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose by the deputy commissioner, Bangalore vide his order no. ALN/(EVH)SR132/2009-10, dated 29-12-2009, situated at AmaneBellandurKhane Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under the limits of B.B.M.P and **bounded on the:** East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 4, South by: Site NO. 6

Reserve Price: Rs.1,12,23,000.00/- (Rupees one crore twelve lakhs twenty-three thousand only) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.11,22,300/- (Rupees eleven lakhs twenty two thousand three hundred only)

Known encumbrance, if any	NIL to the knowledge of the bank.
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	Not Known to the best of knowledge of the Bank.
Inspection of Property	03/11/2023 between 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.
Contact Person and Phone No : Mr. D Varadaraj (Authorized Officer) Mobile No: 9966078652 Bank officers: Mr. Jansi Rao 9886090570 & Mr. Chakradhari Shubham Mobile No: 9304376755	
Last date for submission of Bid/EMD:	15/11/2023 till 04.00 PM
Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://www.bankeauctions.com) 16/11/2023 from 11.00 am to 11.30 am

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. **https://www.indusind.com** for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** or contact service provider **M/s. C1 India Private Limited. Bidder Support Nos.: 0124-4302020 / 21 / 22, +91 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126; email: support@bankeauctions.com, Mr. Hareesh Gowda, Contact No. +91 95945 97555 & Mr. Prabakaran, Contact No. +91 74182 81709**

This notice of 15 days is being given to all of you in compliance of Rule 8, sub rule 6 of SARFAESI Rules under the SARFAESI Act 2002

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 25/10/2023 Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indusind Bank Limited

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(YERAMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only)

RPCL invites bids through GoK e-procurement platform **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for YTPS. under "SERVICES/ WORKS" category as per YTPS requirements. **(1) KPCL/ 2023-24/SE0064, Date: 17.10.2023 for Engaging the services of safety & fire Personnel to YTPS for a period of two years. EMD: Rs. 4.83 Lakhs. (2) KPCL/ 2023-24/ PS/WORK_INDENT814, Date: 18.10.2023 for Supply & Installation of road safety and site safety display boards at various locations inside YTPS. EMD: Rs. 37,000/-.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: For Sl.No. **(1) 17.11.2023, 14.00 Hrs.** For Sl.No. **(2) 03.11.2023, 14.00 Hrs.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-Portal. Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer (M)-4, YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus-584134, Dist: Raichur, Mob: +91 9480682552, KPCL website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that my clients have negotiated for purchase of the residential site No.1341 in the BTM layout 4th stage 2nd block bounded on the **East by** site No. 1340, **West by** site No. 1342, **North by** site No.1337 and 1338, **South by** Road, from its owner **Smt. Dr. V.G. Padma** who has declared and assured my clients that the said site is her absolute property and is free from encumbrances, charges, claims, attachments, lease, lien, mortgage including mortgage by deposit of title deeds and also free from any acquisitions or requisitions and that she has got good unimpeachable marketable title over the said site. Any person or authority claiming any right, title, claim or charge of whatsoever nature over the said site, may send their objections in writing with the supporting documents and proof to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which my clients shall proceed with the purchase of the said site in terms of the negotiations for sale. In the absence of any objections received within the time as above, it shall be deemed and presumed that there are no objections or claims whatsoever from anybody or authority, and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims or objections received after the stipulated time will not be taken in to consideration.

SD/- P. NARAYANA BHAT, Advocate
Flat No. A-118, GMC - One Apartment, Kodipalya Main Road, Bangalore - 560 060, Tel: 99004 89938.

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARNATAKA

4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 041.
Ph No.080-26961928 Fax-080-26961929

No:RGU/Proc/Fire Wall/45/2023-24 **Date: 26.10.2023**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (RFP)

The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences invites tender for Renewal/Upgrade of Licence for Sophos Xstream Protection with HA mode, with Extensive Local Service Support to RGUHS. More Details on the service are provided in the attached Terms of Reference. (Tender Number:RGUHSK/2023-24/SE0004/Call-2)

Tender document available for downloaded	26/10/2023
Last date for receipt of Tender	10/11/2023 17:30 Hrs
Opening of Technical Bid	13/11/2023 11:30 Hrs
Place of Opening of Tender	Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru

More details can be fetched from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/1880/2023-24

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P & SC No. 513 / 2023 (C.C.H. No. 16)

1. **Mr. Pradeep Sethi,** Aged about 58 years, S/o. Late Raj Kumar Sethi, residing at No. 60, 3rd A Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bangalore - 560076.
2. **Mr. Vishal Sethi,** Aged about 53 years, S/o. Late Raj Kumar Sethi, Residing at No. 3014, Prestige Garden Bay, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.
3. **Mrs. Sonia Julka,** Aged about 54 years, D/o. Late Raj Kumar Sethi, W/o. Rakesh Julka, Residing at No. 645, Sector 21C, Faridabad, Haryana - 121001.
4. **Mrs. Reena Kundra,** Aged about 51 years, D/o. Late Raj Kumar Sethi, W/o. Raman Kundra Residing at House No. 285, Master Tara Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab - 144001**...PETITIONERS**

AND : **NIL...RESPONDENT**

PETITION FOR GRANT OF SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTIONS 372 OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925

NOTICE OF PETITION

Whereas the Petitioners above named have made an application under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of **Mr. Pradeep Sethi** (1st Petitioner), S/o. Late Mr. Raj Kumar Sethi in respect of Late Mr. Raj Kumar Sethi who died on 01.03.2020 in respect of the movables as described in the Schedule given hereunder. Be it known that no Caveat has been lodged and the aforesaid petition is posted for hearing **on 15.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** before the Court. Any person/s having any objection to the grant of the Succession Certificate as aforesaid are given notice hereby to appear either in person or by a pleader on the date and time mentioned above to raise such objection, failing which the petition will be disposed of in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Serial No.	Name of the Organisation	UAZ No.	A/c. No.	Date of Joining / Commencement
1.	Employees Provident Fund Organisation, India, F - 28, NSU Block, ITI Campus, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru - 560016.	100297984818	PYKRP0029205000000093 Amount as on 08.06.2023 Rs.5,99,000/-	12.02.2004
2.	Life Insurance Corporation of India, M.G. Road Branch, CB - 24, Chandra Kiran Building, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560 001		Pension Policy No. No. 360995571	22.09.2003

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on this 11th Day of October 2023.

Advocate for the Petitioners :
M.S. Raghavendra Prasad & **Arvind C.**, Advocates
No.106 /23, 11th Cross, 10th Main Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560003.

By order of the Court,
Sd/- Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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CUS/PROS/MISC/127/2022-Pros Date: 27.10.2023

NOTICE FOR SELECTION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

Applications are hereby invited, in accordance with Section 24(8) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, from advocates who have a minimum of ten years of practice experience and are duly registered with the Karnataka State Bar Council, for selection and appointment as Special Public Prosecutors (SPPs) for the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to handle the cases/ matters brought before the Subordinate Courts/ Courts of Session and Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.

SPPs initially appointed will have the opportunity for the renewal of their appointments, contingent upon recommendations from the respective (Pr.) Commissioner of CGST/Customs or (Pr.) ADG of DGGI/DRI. An annual performance assessment will be conducted after the first 12 months of engagement.

Interested candidates should submit their applications using the prescribed Proforma-A (found in Annexure I to Public Notice No. 11/2023 dated 20.10.2023 on the City Customs Bengaluru website: (https://bangalorecustoms.gov.in/pdfhtmfls_user/city_pn_11_2023.pdf).

Along with the application, candidates should provide their Bio-Data to the Office of the Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru City Commissionerate, C.R. Building, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 560001. **The deadline for submissions is November 10, 2023, at 06:00 pm.**

For detailed qualifications, terms and conditions of engagement, as well as the schedule of fees and allowances, please refer to CBIC (Legal Cell) Instruction dated 29-02-2016 (Reference No. 278A/54/2015-Legal) and the letter dated 25-05-2010 (Reference No. 278A/82/2008-Legal), both issued by CBIC (Legal Cell). These documents are appended as Annexure II & III to Public Notice No. 11/2023 dated 20.10.2023.

Sd/-
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
BENGALURU CITY CUSTOMS

Mystery trial

India must leverage ties with Qatar to free its citizens facing death penalty

The death sentence handed down by a Qatari court on Thursday to eight Indians reportedly accused of espionage is indeed "deeply shocking", as the Ministry of External Affairs described in a statement, and the situation is now a major test of the Narendra Modi government's diplomatic skills. The trial was shrouded in secrecy, with scant information on the charges and evidence against the former Indian Navy servicemen, arrested in August 2022. Despite pleas from their families and Indian diplomats in Doha, Qatar has not explained why it has not divulged details of the case. Even the judgment has yet to be shared with New Delhi. Leaked reports suggest that the men have been accused of sharing secret information pertaining to the stealth submarine programme they worked on, with a third country, a charge their families have denied. Visits by Indian officials to Qatar to plead for leniency and transparency have been of no avail. While this case has some parallels to the case of former Naval Commander Jadhav, who is on death row too in Pakistan, the difference is that India's ties with Qatar have been relatively better. Apart from strategic and defence cooperation agreements, India sources 40% of its LNG needs from Qatar. India is also Qatar's third biggest source of imports, particularly raw materials for construction and fresh food items. Pertinently, these supplies continued despite the Gulf blockade against Qatar in 2017, which should have counted for some goodwill towards India. In addition, 7,00,000 Indian expatriates are an integral part of Qatar's institutions, industry and workforce. A rift in ties, which a sentence like this is bound to engender, will be to the detriment of both countries, and India must make this clear to Qatar.

The government must waste no time in charting the next steps to ensure the Indians are given the best possible support in an appeal. Apart from the legal appeals process and diplomatic legwork, channels to the Qatari leadership should be activated at the highest levels, including the Prime Minister if necessary. A case must be made for clemency and commuting the sentences to jail terms that could even be served out in India if the men are indeed found guilty in the appeals process. Notwithstanding reports that seek to tie the verdict to more geopolitical considerations, including perceived Qatari differences with India over its policy on Israel and Palestine in the current conflict, the government must demonstrate that the lives of the men are indeed a priority for their country and for a government that claims a policy of "no Indian left behind".

Another honeymoon

Nawaz Sharif's deal with the military is unlikely to last long

Six years ago, Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader and three-time Prime Minister, was ousted from power after he fell out with the powerful military establishment. In the subsequent election, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of Imran Khan, then a "darling" of the establishment, was voted to power. Mr. Sharif was disqualified and jailed while his party accused the military of rigging the election in favour of the PTI. In 2019, he went into exile in London. Four years later, the situation has changed dramatically. Mr. Khan, who was ousted from power last year, is now in jail and a critic of the military, and Mr. Sharif, once a foe of the generals, returned last week amid fanfare, with thousands of his supporters chanting at a rally, 'Take charge again, save Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif.' Pakistan is no stranger to such political somersaults, where politicians join hands with the generals to tackle their opponents and make their path to power smoother, only to be laid down by the military. Mr. Sharif himself has done this thrice. So, Pakistan is back to the past when Mr. Sharif returns to the country, probably in an understanding with the generals, ahead of the general elections. He wants power and the generals want to sideline their new foe, Mr. Khan, and dismantle his party. It is a marriage of convenience.

After his ouster, Mr. Khan launched a frontal attack on the PML-N and the military. The establishment, along with the post-Khan coalition government that was headed by Mr. Sharif's younger brother Shehbaz Sharif, responded with a massive crackdown on the PTI. But the military's witch-hunt has only made Mr. Khan more popular. On the other side, the PML-N, Mr. Khan's main political rival, was grappling with internal divisions and external challenges. The party now hopes that the charismatic elder Sharif, who is popular among its conservative base and influential among Punjab's wealthy business establishment, revives the PML-N ahead of the elections. For Mr. Sharif, the support of the generals is necessary to vacate the cases he faces and have his disqualification lifted. But the road ahead is tough. There is a groundswell of anger against the PML-N under whose watch the economic situation has deteriorated, with hyperinflation, joblessness, a tanking rupee and a looming balance of payment crisis. To overcome these challenges and defeat Imran Khan, Mr. Sharif would need the blessings of, if not active support from, the generals, which in turn would weaken the civilian institutions and strengthen the hands of the military. And his own record suggests that Mr. Sharif does not get along with the generals after the honeymoon period. This is the cyclical tragedy Pakistan finds itself within.

Women can make the world better

Arun Maira

is the author of 'Shaping the Future: How to Be, Think, and Act in the New World'

Economic history has long been chronicled through a male lens, emphasising the contributions of men and their viewpoints. Just look at the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. It has been awarded to 90 men since 1969 – and just three women. The first, Elinor Ostrom, won in 2009 for explaining how local communities, most of them in developing countries, govern themselves. The second, Esther Duflo, won in 2019, for her experimental work in alleviating global poverty. Claudia Goldin was the third woman awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2023 for her work explaining why women earn less money than men even when they do the same work.

Economics science is focused on studying systems for producing economically valuable goods and services efficiently. Natural and human resources are measured by economists in money terms. Claudia Goldin was awarded for her work explaining why women earn less money than men even when they do the same work. A woman's work in the family contributes to the well-being of humans in society: it does not add to the growth of the economy and GDP. Ms. Goldin's research reveals that women, who also attend to the caring work required for families at home, are considered less valuable in economic enterprises because they cannot commit to continuously working full time for their employers, which men can.

The future of work and India

Patterns of economic growth have shifted globally. Long-term employment in industrial forms of establishments is becoming harder to find even in rich countries. More employment is being generated now in the gig economy and the informal sector. Even in large industrial establishments, jobs are on short-term contracts. These trends in the future of work are a special challenge for India, which has the largest numbers of youth in the world. They are finding fewer opportunities for dignified work with adequate income and social security even though the Indian economy is among the fastest growing in the world.

Moreover, India, which ranks 132 out of 191 countries in human development, needs to invest more in care-giving services. Sadly, care-giving work is not valued in the money economy. The millions of women providing domestic services, and millions more who are providing care in communities as ASHA workers (Accredited Social Health Activist) and anganwadi workers in primary health and education, are very poorly paid.

> The global, male dominated, money-driven, system of institutions of business and society needs an overhaul

The Indian Prime Minister has called upon the G-20 to support human-centric development going beyond GDP. The vision of globalisation so far has been "One Earth, One Economy, One Future". India has called for a different vision at the G-20: *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*: "One Family, One Earth, One Future". GDP is a monetary measure of only the economic component of a society. GDP does not value care-giving work. Therefore, to pursue its ambitions to become a "$10 trillion-dollar GDP" economy, policymakers, even in India, want to pluck women out of their families and from informal work, and push them into more efficient, industrial-form establishments to contribute to GDP.

The SDG goal

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), to be achieved by 2030, cover a range of environmental, social, and economic problems that must be solved simultaneously to make progress more inclusive and sustainable. The G-20 has assessed that, at the midway point to 2030, the global progress on SDGs is off-track with only 12% of targets on track. Clearly, we must change our approach for achieving the SDGs.

Many wise men have advised that we cannot solve complex systemic problems with the same ways of thinking that have caused them. The prevalent paradigm of public policy is for domain experts to determine best solutions in their respective areas, and for government organisations and non-governmental organisations to deliver them on scale. However, educational solutions that work in Kerala will not suit Bihar; water management systems that suit Rajasthan will not fit Uttarakhand. Moreover, environment, livelihood, health, and infrastructure solutions must mesh with each other in their local contexts. Therefore, complex problems must be solved bottom up, not top down. Local systems solutions cooperatively developed by communities are the only way the goals of the SDGs can be achieved.

Value the work of caring

The masculine view of the economy is a production machine driven by competition. A feminine view of the economy is a society of human beings who care. Mainstream economics, so far dominated by men, has created a Tragedy of the Commons. Nobel Laureate Ostrom showed how local communities, often with women at their centre, cooperatively govern their local resources equitably and sustainably. Ms. Ostrom proposed a different paradigm, based on cooperation, equity, and sustainability, for realising the Promise of the Commons, which is the urgent need of this millennium.

A paradigm change is required in economics. Paradigm changes always require a power shift which is difficult because people with power will not let go. Money gives power; political authority gives power; and formal education and science (PhDs and Nobel Prizes) give power too. In fact, this is the basis of a caste system of power in all societies. Those with the power of money, authority, and formal higher education are the upper castes in the hierarchy. They form coalitions among themselves, ostensibly to make life better for the common people who, they say, cannot govern themselves and must be developed.

It is time for the powers above to humbly listen to the people and learn from them, rather than teaching them ways that have led humanity to grave problems of environmental degradation and economic inequities. The global, male dominated, money-driven, system of institutions of business and society needs an overhaul. Women must be given freedom, not just to be promoted within male-dominated institutions, but rather to shape better, family-spirited institutions for governance. Moreover, local communities must be given more powers for designing and implementing inclusive and sustainable solutions to their problems. Without such fundamental institutional reforms, the vision of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*: "One Family, One Earth, One Future" will soon fade along with the G-20's banners.

A China-India partnership, its vast global potential

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The crisis in Ukraine continues unabated even as new conflict has flared up in West Asia. Traditional and non-traditional security threats are interlocked and global deficits in peace, development, security and governance are growing. What has happened to the world? How should we respond? These are profound questions that have been raised by the world, by history and by the times, and challenge mankind to search for answers.

An opportunity for China and India

As Asian civilisations that have been living side by side for thousands of years, China and India share common thoughts on the future and destiny of mankind. The Chinese people have cherished the vision of "a world of fairness and justice for the common good" since ancient times. Ancient Indian literature also records the motto of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*".

In the 1950s, China and India jointly initiated the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, which has turned into basic norms governing international relations. As two largest developing countries and emerging market economies, each with a population of over one billion, China and India are both at a crucial stage of development and revitalisation. They have the responsibility, the ability and the opportunity to once again illuminate the path forward for mankind with Oriental wisdom. The answer China's President Xi Jinping gives out is to build a global community of a shared future. A white paper China recently released titled "A Global Community of Shared Future: China's Proposals and Actions", systematically lays out the theoretical base, practice and development of that over the past decade. It advocates forging greater synergy to achieve lasting peace, developing a conducive environment for common security, instilling greater confidence in common development, providing sustainable driving forces for mutual learning among civilisations, and taking more actions to protect the ecology.

The vision of a global community of shared future has been included in United Nations General Assembly Resolutions for six consecutive years and incorporated in the resolutions and declarations of multilateral mechanisms such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and BRICS. It has won the international community's understanding and support, especially among developing countries, and has a clear path forward.

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Vision points

These are: Keep to the correct direction of economic globalisation. Jointly build an open world economy that reflects the demands and represents the interests of developing countries. Unilateralism, protectionism, decoupling, and the zero-sum game of the "winner-takes-all" should be rejected.

Follow the right path of peaceful development. The world needs peace, just like people need air and sunshine. The trend today is the pursuit of peace, development, cooperation, and win-win results. The old path of colonialism and hegemonism leads to a dead end and those who follow it will pay a heavy price. Only by working together to pursue peace, safeguard peace, and share peace, can countries achieve their development goals and make greater contributions to the world.

Foster a new type of international relations. By building a global community of a shared future, emerging countries and established powers can avoid falling into the Thucydides trap and build common ground and achieve common development for different civilisations and countries with different social systems. Countries should uphold the principles of mutual respect, equity and justice, and mutually beneficial cooperation so as to build broader and deeper global partnerships based on equality, openness, and cooperation.

Practice true multilateralism. Building cliques in the name of multilateralism is no more than bloc politics. Seeking supremacy in the name of multilateralism is still unilateral thinking. "Selective multilateralism" is practising double standards. The world should be fair and free from domineering practices. There is only one system for the world, which is the international system with the United Nations at its core. There is only one order for the world, which is the international order based on international law. There is only one set of rules for the world, which is the basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Promote the common values of peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom of humanity. There is no single model of democracy that is universally applicable, far less a superior one. Promoting the common values of humanity is about seeking common ground while reserving differences, harmony without uniformity, and fully respecting the diversity of civilisations and the right of all countries to independently choose their social systems and development paths.

China's contributions

Over the past decade, China has contributed its strength to building a global community of a shared future with firm conviction and solid actions. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has become a popular global public good and a cooperation platform provided by China to the world. The Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative point to the direction of human progress across three dimensions and have evolved into a crucial cornerstone for building a global community of a shared future, providing comprehensive solutions to the challenges confronting humanity.

With a third of the global population, China and India are natural partners in building a global community of a shared future. China and India could jointly work hand in hand with global development, security and civilisation initiatives to demonstrate the common will and resolution of the Global South countries to build an open, inclusive, clean and beautiful world that enjoys lasting peace, universal security, and common prosperity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Qatar court verdict

The news of a local court in Doha giving eight former Indian Navy personnel the death penalty on the alleged charges of passing on sensitive secrets is shocking (Page 1, October 27). It is surprising that Qatar, which has good ties with India, has taken such a drastic decision. India needs to use its diplomatic and political leverage in a case that is perhaps the biggest challenge before the Modi government.

Kshirasagara Balaji Rao,
Hyderabad

Instead of opting for a legal battle that will drag on, India can use its close rapport and goodwill with Qatar to tide over the crisis. India's ties with Canada are already at an all-time low. Losing another key ally will have a significant impact on a litany of spheres on the domestic front.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

Till there is a positive result, the government should also get the Indian media to tone down any attempt to ratchet up tensions. We have seen this happen when the India-Canada diplomatic tensions began. Many television anchors used very unparliamentary language to describe the Canadian Prime Minister, which left the discerning viewer aghast. The case with Qatar is serious and coverage of the case must be civil and dignified.

S. Kumar,
Hyderabad

As the Qatari local court has pronounced its verdict after investigation of their involvement, India should know that exploring legal options to exonerate them from capital punishment can prove futile. It is an accepted norm that foreign nationals working in other countries are expected to respect the laws of the land they are in in general and the Gulf in particular, which is notorious for capital punishment even for petty crimes.

Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

The case has been on for quite a while and it is only now that the Indian government seems to have been spooked by the verdict. India should spare no efforts in getting the men released.

K.R. Jayaprakash Rao,
Mysuru

Temple inauguration

With the Prime Minister confirming that he will be attending the inauguration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya in January, the countdown has already begun. The ruling dispensation should refrain from politicising the event, as parliamentary elections are just months away.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

'Cash for query' case

There can be no two opinions about taking appropriate action against the MP from West Bengal for breach of parliamentary conduct, if she is found guilty after a transparent investigation. It is unfortunate though that in the run-up to the ethics committee meet, misogynist attacks are being made, which could make women think twice before venturing into politics.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

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GROUND ZERO

Sanghamitra and Roja, accused in the murder of five people, in police custody in Aheri taluka, Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. S. SUDARSHAN

Odourless, tasteless, lethal: thallium as a murder weapon

In Mahagaon village in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, two women allegedly killed five family members by lacing their food with poison. **Maitri Porecha** reports on the string of murders, which have left the police shocked and the village fearful

Acres of rice fields await harvest in Mahagaon in Aheri taluka in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. In the middle of this peaceful landscape lies a patch of land that has been cleared. It contains three graves with mounds of fresh mud heaped on. They belong to Shankar Kumbhare, 57; his wife Vijaya, 55; and their son, Roshan, 29. The area is strewn with the remnants of firecrackers. In this region, villagers beat drums and burst strings of firecrackers when they take bodies to graves. They believe in celebrating life rather than mourning its passing. Even when the deaths are of unnatural causes.

Shankar; Vijaya; their daughter Komal Dahagaonkar, 34; Vijaya's sister Varsha, 41; and Roshan died within two months. All of them died of thallium poisoning. Thallium is an odour-less, tasteless chemical used mostly in science laboratories and chemical industries, and also in small quantities during radiology tests in hospitals.

According to the police, Roshan's wife Sanghamitra, 22, who holds a B.Sc (Agriculture) degree, with the connivance of his maternal uncle's wife *(maami)*, Roja Ramteke, 36, sourced a bottle of thallium from a Mumbai-based pharma company.

The alleged poisoning has left four others affected: Roshan's brother, Sagar; Roja's husband Pramod; Vijaya's sister Sujata's son, Bunty Undirwade; and Shankar's driver Rakesh Madavi.

Seven kilometres away from the grave site, the two accused – Sanghamitra and Roja – are in police custody in the Aheri taluka police station. Police say that the women, who are distantly related and were neighbours, had hatched a conspiracy to kill multiple family members.

Deputy Superintendent Sudarshan Rathod, the investigating officer, says the police interrogate them for up to 10 hours every day. "Roja keeps changing her story about how the thallium was procured. She first accused her elder daughter in Nagpur of helping them, and then her brother in Telangana. She has sent us on a wild goose chase. Sanghamitra doesn't talk much," he says. In the lock-up, Roja begins crying, while Sanghamitra looks on.

A plot

Mahagaon is sandwiched between the thick jungles of the Gadchiroli forest reserve and the Tadoba National Park-Andhari Tiger Reserve. It is known to be a Maoist region. "The police are used to responding to combat situations. To find two seemingly average-looking women involved in so many murders and that too using sophisticated means is new for us. Thallium has been used in the past for criminal purposes in privileged circles, but it is rare in rural areas," says a senior police official involved in the investigation.

Shankar and his wife Vijaya lived in a bungalow built on land that belongs to Vijaya's father, Gattu Ramteke. According to Gattu, 77, who lives next door, the couple loved farming, so they bought some land with their savings and started growing cotton and vegetables. "Teak is available in abundance in the jungles of Gadchiroli, so Shankar, who was also skilled in carpentry, opened a small furniture workshop outside the house and employed four workers. He also bought a transport truck to deliver furniture to bustling urban hubs," says Gattu.

Shankar and Vijaya's son Roshan worked at the Aheri taluka post office. In July last year, he met a new trainee, Sanghamitra, at work and the two of them fell in love. As Sanghamitra's family did not approve of the relationship, the couple decided to elope. Sanghamitra married Roshan in a temple in December. Her mother Nalini Gavai told the police that Sanghamitra was intelligent, driven, and stood second in her undergraduate class.

A month after their wedding, Sanghamitra had temporary facial paralysis, say the police, and Roshan's family sent her to her parents' place in Akola, 10 hours from Mahagaon by road. "She was on steroids. She discovered then that she was pregnant. The doctor asked her to abort the baby saying the drugs would affect the pregnancy," says an official involved in the case.

Following the facial paralysis and the abortion, Sanghamitra's father Ashok Gavai and Roshan's parents had a nasty spat, say the police. In April, Ashok died by suicide. Sanghamitra, who was distressed by his death, tried to self-harm.

In July, Sanghamitra and Roshan went out for dinner on their seven-month wedding anniversary. When she told her husband that she wanted to go back to her parents' place in Akola for Rakshabandhan (festival dedicated to brothers and sisters), Roshan refused. "He allegedly assaulted her, grabbed her by the throat, and beat her up," says Sudarshan. "Her in-laws too would keep taunting her. She slowly grew bitter."

A lonely and vulnerable Sanghamitra found a friend in Roshan's *maami* Roja, who lived next door. Roja was the head of a small savings group of women. "Sanghamitra would peep over the boundary wall and call Roja *Aai* (mother in Marathi)," says Gattu, who is Roja's father-in-law.

Gattu and his wife had six children, including Pramod (Roja's husband), Vijaya, and Varsha. Two years ago, Gattu's wife died of a heart attack. "A year later, when the family gathered for her *Shraddh* rituals (a ritual paying homage to ancestors, especially dead parents), my daughters started demanding their share in my 5-acre plot. An argument broke out between my daughter-in-law Roja and daughter Vijaya," says Gattu.

"Vijaya and Roja would hurl abuses at each other across the boundary wall," says the police official. "Roja told Sanghamitra that she wanted to eliminate all the legal heirs to Gattu's property. The two of them hatched a plan."

Things fall apart

According to the police, Sanghamitra's Internet search history on her mobile phone showed that she had searched 'Top 10 slow poisons'. "Sanghamitra wrote an email to a Mumbai-based pharma company posing as a researcher with a university in Gadchiroli. She said that she required thallium for research purposes. Her childhood friend, Avinash Tajne, a resident of Buldhana, paid the company for the thallium," says a police official. Avinash confessed that he helped Sanghamitra source thallium, the police say.

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> **SUDARSHAN RATHOD**
> Investigating officer

"Though Sanghamitra grew distant from Avinash following her marriage to Roshan, they re-established contact while she was in Akola at her parents' place. She told him that her in-laws were torturing her and that she wanted to kill them," the official says. The Gadchiroli Police arrested Avinash on October 26.

On September 8, when Shankar and Vijaya returned home to dinner after a day in the fields, Sanghamitra allegedly fed them mutton laced with thallium. She excused herself from dinner saying she had ulcers in her mouth. Roshan was not at home that day.

Shankar, who first began to feel sick, visited the out-patient department of the Mahagaon primary health centre (PHC), complaining of a dry tongue. "In August, Shankar had been diagnosed with diabetes," says Darshana Raut, medical officer at the PHC. "This time when he came, his sugar level and BP were in control. I was unable to figure out the cause of his problem, so I referred him to the Aheri Taluka Hospital."

Shankar's family belongs to the Dalit community and later converted to Buddhism. A majority of the 307 families living in Mahagaon are followers of B.R. Ambedkar. Shankar and Vijaya organised a day-long puja in their house to ward off the 'evil eye.'

"The family called some priests to perform *buvabaji* (rituals about which the rationalist Narendra Dabholkar wrote extensively). They spent at least ₹40,000 on this," says Sanjay Ahlawane, deputy sarpanch of Mahagaon village.

Meanwhile, Vijaya's health had also started deteriorating. The couple decided to get admitted in a private hospital in Chandrapur, 150 km away. They asked Rakesh Madavi, 21, their driver, who also lived in the same village, to take them. Roshan went with them.

Sanghamitra packed a bottle of water for them and insisted that they keep sipping the water that she claimed had been blessed with *jadi booti* or medicinal properties. She said during the interrogation later that the water had been laced with thallium, say the police.

Rakesh says he too gulped water from the bottle. "The next day, when I returned home to Mahagaon, I realised that my lips and cheeks were turning black. There was a persistent tingling in my limbs and a terrible ache. I was hospitalised at Chandrapur for 11 days," says Rakesh, who is now on the road to recovery in his kuccha house.

As Shankar and Vijaya did not get better in either of the private hospitals that they had been taken to in Chandrapur, Roshan, Sanghamitra and some of their relatives took the couple on September 25 to KIMS-Kingsway Hospital in Nagpur, 150 km away from Chandrapur. A senior doctor at KIMS-Kingsway says no amount of antibiotics helped the couple. "Their breathing became laboured and their blood pressure plummeted," says the doctor.

On September 26, Shankar died. The next morning, so did Vijaya. Unsure of what caused their death, the doctors sent their bodies for post-mortem to the Indira Gandhi Medical College in Nagpur. They also registered a medico-legal case at the Sadar police station in Nagpur.

It was only nearly two weeks later, on October 11, that information about their deaths reached the police station at Aheri. The police immediately relayed this information to the Superintendent of Police, Neelotpal, at the Gadchiroli district police headquarters. The Gadchiroli Police realised that something was amiss when they learned that Shankar and Vijaya's daughter Komal had died on October 8 and that Vijaya's sister, Varsha, too had died on October 14. Sometime in between, Pramod and Bunty had also been poisoned.

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> **DR. IMRAN NOORMOHAMMAD**
> Intensivist at the Critizone Hospital in Nagpur

After his parents and sister's death, Roshan had allegedly grown suspicious of Sanghamitra, say the police. He and his brother Sagar, a graduate of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, had threatened to approach the police to register a complaint. "Sanghamitra freaked out. Before they could go to the police, she and Roja mixed thallium in a cup of tea and in some dal and gave it to Roshan. They gave Sagar a glass of ORS (oral rehydration solution) with thallium," says investigating officer Sudarshan.

However, when Roshan's health started deteriorating, Sanghamitra, seemingly overcome by guilt, frantically called Dr. Imran Noormohammad, an intensivist at the Critizone Hospital in Nagpur. She and Roja took Roshan to the hospital.

"She pleaded with me to save her husband," recalls Dr. Imran. "She also kept saying that it could be thallium poisoning and that we could administer Prussian blue, an antidote."

The doctor grew suspicious. "I asked her how she knew so much about thallium. I also told her that Prussian blue was unavailable in Nagpur as such cases of poisoning are very rare," he says.

Roshan, who was admitted in the intensive care unit, had a shock of black hair. The nurses pulled at his hair to check if there was hair loss, a classic symptom of thallium poisoning. Tufts came out. On the afternoon of October 15, Roshan's blood report, accessed by *The Hindu*, revealed that he had been poisoned with thallium. "While the normal range of thallium in the body is between 0.15 to 0.36 units, Roshan had more than 250 units. But he died before his reports arrived," says Dr. Imran.

While Sanghamitra and Roja were on their way to Mahagaon with the body, the Gadchiroli police picked them up and interrogated them separately. This is when they broke down and confessed to their crime, the police say.

A terrified village

After Shankar and Vijaya died, there were rumours in the village that the family had unearthed ancestral gold in the premises of their bungalow. The villagers believe that this brings bad luck. "They say that if you do this, you will incur the wrath of your ancestors' spirits and people in the family will start dropping dead," says Sanjay, the deputy sarpanch of the village.

The doctors from the PHC swung into action and took the blood samples of the residents of the 35 houses surrounding the Kumbhare bungalow, which is now called the "ghost house". Members of the panchayat say they were worried about environmental contamination from thallium. "We ensured that all our water sources, including bore wells, were treated with bleaching powder," says Sanjay.

On October 24, as the Dussehra celebrations intensified and all the villagers nearby gathered at Aheri taluka to get a glimpse of MLA Raje Ambrishrao, who is a member of an erstwhile royal family, being paraded in a palanquin, there was a pall of gloom over Mahagaon. "After seeing five deaths and four people admitted in hospital, the villagers are scarred and scared," says Sanjay.

The police, who have held Roja and Sanghamitra in custody for 10 days now, say that the local court has extended their custody for another four days. They will then move the court for judicial custody of the accused. Both women have been booked under Sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 328 (poisoning), and 120 B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

Roja's daughter is unaware of the shockwaves that the deaths have caused in the village. With her mother in police custody and her father Pramod admitted in hospital, she does all the housework. The Class 7 student has not been to school for 10 days. "Her school is 7 km away. Pramod used to drop her at school and pick her up," says her grandfather Gattu. "How will she go alone?"

A woman police officer of the Aheri taluka comes to inquire about the child's well-being. "All I want to do is go to school. I will make sure that I finish cooking early so that I can go," says the child and disappears inside the house to finish her chores.

The graves of Shankar Kumbhare, his wife Vijaya, and their son Roshan in the midst of rice fields in Mahagaon, Gadchiroli district. All three of them died from thallium poisoning. S. SUDARSHAN

Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies could seek help and counselling by calling any of the following numbers:
Mumbai: I Call - 022-25521111 (Monday to Sat., 8 am to 10 pm)
ASRA - 022-27546669 (24x7)
Delhi: BMC Mental Healthline - 022-24131212 (24X7)
Tamil Nadu: State Help Line -104; DISHA - 1056, 0471-2552056
Kerala: Maithri - 0484-2540530

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Panel holds back its report on crime Bills

The panel's draft report has accepted a host of suggestions on the Bharatiya Sakshya, 2023, that is meant to replace the Indian Evidence Act; there is unanimity on that portion of the draft report. The panel began its consultations on the three Bills on August 24, with a presentation by Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. It has held 12 meetings on the three Bills. According to Opposition members, this is highly inadequate, considering the scale and scope of the Bills.

Sources said, a few minutes after Friday's meeting began, the panel's chairman and BJP MP Brijlal told the members that the draft reports slated to be adopted at the meeting as per the circulated agenda would be withheld. However, he did not state the reason for doing so, members said.

This drew sharp criticism from the two Trinamool Congress MPs Derek O' Brien and Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, who pointed out that they had came to Delhi, leaving Lakshmi Puja which is on Saturday, in order to attend the meeting. In fact, the Trinamool demanded that the committee seek an extension of at least three months to submit its report on the Bills. It urged the panel to "stop bulldozing these Bills for short-term electoral gains." Hurrying through the Bills would amount to mocking the process of "legislative scrutiny", the two MPs said.

Speaking at Friday's meeting, Mr. Elango raised three key points, according to the sources. The Bills, he said, need extensive consultations with the governments and stakeholders in the States. He once again reiterated his criticism of the Hindi nomenclature of the Bills, which he said was exclusionary for a large section of the country.

Dark pattern sales deemed 'cybercrime'

He added that in the current online environment, there seemed to be a systemic practice of fooling consumers. The Ministry received nearly 10,000 such complaints through the National Consumers Helpline over the last eight to nine months.

A cursory analysis of airline websites, apps and online portals by *The Hindu* showed that such "dark patterns" were widely prevalent. Queries sent to IndiGo, SpiceJet and MakeMyTrip went unanswered till the time of going to press.

Manipulating seat selection

For instance, IndiGo's website deploys a technique known as "false urgency" to give consumers booking an air ticket the impression that they have to pay an extra fee of ₹99 to ₹1,500 to buy a seat to complete the purchase, as all free seats are shown as unavailable. Sometimes, there will be four or five free seats available but they are relegated to the bottom of the aircraft cabin and can be harder to locate and navigate to on the webpage. While passengers can hit the "skip" button at the end of the seat selection page, they are not informed in a transparent manner that free seats will be auto-assigned to them if they do not wish to pay the extra sum.

On IndiGo's mobile application, even the option to "skip" is placed in the top right corner and displayed in a tiny font. Such a practice is also known as "interface interference", where the website design highlights certain specific information and deliberately obscures other information.

Ministry of Civil Aviation sources said on Thursday: "This is a design of IndiGo website template and there is no malafide intent." They added that the airline has now been directed to provide a clear option for auto-assigned seats.

Bengal Minister held for PDS 'irregularities'

Mr. Mallick was produced before a court which remanded him to ED custody till November 6. Soon after the order was pronounced, the Minister fell ill in the courtroom. He was taken to a private health facility in the city. The court said that the Minister's custody of 10 days would be counted after he was released from the hospital.

In the court, the ED counsel raised questions on the increase in properties of Mr. Mallick and said he had set up three fake firms through which funds were siphoned out.

Mr. Mallick, who was in charge of the State's Food and Supplies Department from (2011-2021), is the second Minister to be arrested by the ED. In July 2022, the ED arrested the then State's Education Minister, Partha Chatterjee, in the school job recruitment scam. Several MLAs of the ruling party as well as officials of the Stater Education Department were put behind bars for their involvement in the recruitment scam.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had on Thursday decried ED raids on the properties of Mr. Mallick.

"Jyoti Priya Mallick is unwell. I will lodge an FIR against the ED and the BJP if anything happens to him during the raids," the Trinamool Congress chairperson had said. The case in which the Minister has been arrested dates back to 2020-21 when FIRs relating to irregularities in the public distribution system were registered at a few police stations of the State.

After investigation by the State police, the ED took up the matter. Last week, the ED arrested businessman Bakibur Rehman in connection with the same case. The ED has found properties valuing about ₹100 crore in the name of Mr. Rahman, who was said to be very close to the Minister.

Shelling by Pak. triggers scare in Jammu's Arnia

Pakistan Rangers violate ceasefire pact, hitting civilian houses and crops; BSF retaliates; constable sustains minor injuries during the eight-hour skirmish between Indian and Pakistani troops

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

A man inspects his house after it was damaged by firing from the Pakistan Rangers in Arnia Sector. AP

Uneasy calm and fear prevailed in villages near the zero line in the Arnia sector of Jammu after an eight-hour skirmish between Indian and Pakistani troops left the 2021 ceasefire agreement hanging by a thread.

A Border Security Force (BSF) spokesperson said constable Basava Raj sustained minor injuries in the hands. "His condition is stable. There was no other loss. The damage to material is being ascertained," the BSF said.

It is for the first time that the Pakistan Rangers used mortar shells since the two countries renewed their pledge in February 2021 to abide by the 2003 ceasefire agreement.

The skirmish on Thursday started around 8 p.m., which saw civilian houses and crops being hit by Pakistani gunfire and mortar shells, and ended on Friday.

"Our troops retaliated. The Pakistan Rangers extended their firing to target our adjacent border outposts, prompting retaliation from the forward defence posts in these areas in a befitting manner," the BSF said.

Officials said mortar firing targeted the BSF's border outposts and civilian areas, injuring a civilian, Rajni Devi, in Arnia town. The BSF said heavy machine gunfire was used by the Pakistan Rangers during the ceasefire violation.

High alert sounded

The BSF has been put on a high alert along the International Border in Jammu after the exchange of fire. "The BSF continues to monitor the developments closely, while assessing the situation and remains alert to respond as necessary to ensure the safety and security of the border and its residents," it said.

Meanwhile, scores of displaced families, including migrant workers, returned to their border villages in Arnia on Thursday. "It is after six years there was firing from the Pakistan side," Dev Raj Chowdhary, a Sarpanch from Bulleh Chak village, said.

Officials said the fire and shells had damaged several houses of civilians and hit the standing crops near the zero line. Several schools and panchayat ghars were opened as shelters in R.S. Pura, Bishnah and Jammu.

Ekta, a local resident, said her kitchen was hit by Pakistani shelling. "Windows and glasses were smashed because of the Pakistani firing," she said.

Rattan Lal Gupta, National Conference (NC) leader, condemned the unprovoked shelling by Pakistan Rangers.

The Army said there was constant endeavour from across the Line of Control (LoC) to disturb peace in Kashmir, a day after five militants were killed in Kupwara.

"In the past eight months, we have had 10 such attempts in our divisional area of responsibility, which have resulted in the elimination of 27 terrorists and recovery of large quantities of war-like stores," Major-General Girish Kalia, General Officer Commanding, 28 Infantry Division, said.

'Arnia episode is the second ceasefire violation in 10 days'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A day after border areas in Jammu's Arnia witnessed heavy firing from Pakistan, officials said at least six posts of the Border Security Force (BSF) were targeted with mortars and machine guns.

An official said they were analysing the reasons behind the current flare-up on the International Border – the second such incident in the past 10 days.

The Pakistan border has largely remained silent since February 25, 2021, when the Directors-General of Military Operations (DGsMO) of India and Pakistan agreed to a "strict observance of all agreements, understandings and ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and all other sectors".

Thursday's is the fifth incident of ceasefire violation reported along the International Border in 2023.

Before India and Pakistan agreed to the re-observance of the 2003 ceasefire agreement in February 2021, as many as 72 incidents of ceasefire violations were reported from the Jammu border, according to data available with *The Hindu*.

A BSF statement said that around 8 p.m. on Thursday, the Pakistan Rangers resorted to unprovoked firing on the International Border in Jammu sector and the BSF retaliated the firing. It added that around 9.15 p.m., the Pakistan Rangers fired mortar shells targeting the border outposts (BOPs) and civilian areas. Some of the shells landed in Arnia town, injuring a civilian. The third spell of firing started around 10.40 p.m., when the Pakistan Rangers used heavy machine guns to target the BSF posts.

The firing resumed around 1 a.m. on Friday and continued till 2.45 a.m. damaging the walls of several houses.

Harvest season

Rohit Sharma, a resident, said this is the season to harvest the crops. "It is a question of our livelihood. Most people here are into farming activities. The fields are close to the zero line, if the shelling continues, we will not be able to harvest the crops."

Giving out details of the October 17 incident when two BSF personnel were injured, the official said there was firing from the Pakistan side soon after a jawan got down an electric pole after repairing it. The pole, right at the zero line on the border, had developed a snag. "As the jawan was returning, there was a volley of fire from the other side. The BOPs were targeted," said the official.

A day later, a flag meeting with the Pakistan Rangers was held where the latter denied that they fired at the Indian side.

Merely liking a post not an offence under IT Act: Allahabad HC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Liking a post on Facebook or X (formerly Twitter) cannot be punishable under Section 67 of the Information Technology Act because it does not amount to "publishing or transmitting" the post, the Allahabad High Court has now held in a recent judgment.

Justice Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal was hearing an application to quash charges filed against one Mohammed Imran Kazi, who had been accused in 2019 of making posts that led to the assembly of 600 to 700 Muslims for a procession without permit.

During the hearing, the Investigating Officer of the case relied on the fact that Mr. Kazi had liked a post on social media.

"A post or message can be said to be published when it is posted, and to be transmitted when it is shared or retweeted. In the present case, it is alleged that there is material in the case diary showing that the applicant has liked the post of one Farhan Usman for unlawful assembly, but liking a post will not amount to publishing or transmitting the post," the court held, adding that merely liking a post cannot be enough to attract Section 67 of the IT Act.

Can't appear on Oct. 31: Mahua to panel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, in a letter to the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha, has said she would be unable to appear before it on October 31 due to prior commitments.

Ms. Moitra also urged the committee to ensure that industrialist Darshan Hiranandani is summoned to present evidence to back his claims of extending pecuniary benefits to her.

Bidhuri case

Ms. Moitra posted the letter on X (formerly Twitter), expressing her disappointment that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee and BJP MP, Vinod Kumar Sonkar, had announced the summons for October 31 on live TV long before the official letter was emailed to her.

"I represent the State of West Bengal where Durga Puja is the biggest festival, I am already committed to attending numerous prescheduled *Vijayadashami Sammelans*/meetings (both government and political) in my constituency from October 30 to November 4 and cannot be in Delhi on October 31," she wrote.

She also drew a parallel to the case of BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri, who is under investigation by the Lok Sabha Privileges Committee for allegedly making communal remarks against BSP MP Danish Ali.

Mr. Bidhuri skipped a meeting with the Privileges Committee on October 10, citing prior engagements.

Mahua Moitra

Ms. Moitra said the same courtesy should be extended to her.

Summon Hiranandani

She also pressed the committee to summon Mr. Hiranandani, who, in an affidavit to the Ethics Committee, turned approver in the case and claimed that Ms. Moitra had given him her Lok Sabha login ID and password.

In exchange, he gave her "gifts" and helped her with air tickets, home renovations, and so on.

"His affidavit, available in the public domain, is extremely scant on detail and provides no actual inventory of what he has allegedly given me. Given the seriousness of the allegations and in keeping with the principles of natural justice, it is imperative that I am allowed to exercise my right to cross-examine Hiranandani. It is also imperative that he appear before the committee and provide a detailed verified list of the alleged gifts and favours he allegedly provided to me," Ms. Moitra wrote.

Any inquiry without the oral evidence of Mr. Hiranandani, the Trinamool leader said, would be "incomplete, unfair and akin to holding a proverbial "kangaroo court"

Pursue all legal, political options in Qatar case, say experts

NEWS ANALYSIS

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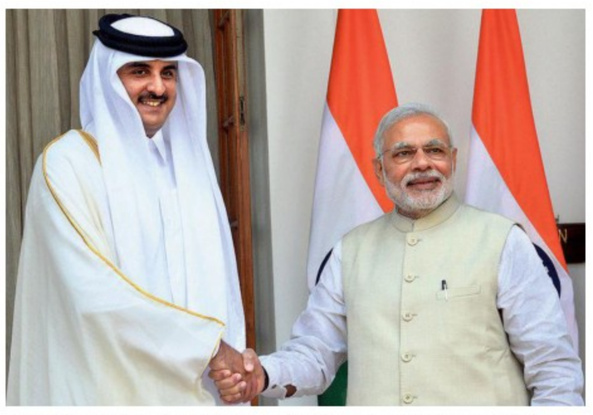
NEW DELHI

A day after the death sentence was handed down by a Qatari court to eight Indians, as the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) awaits the detailed judgment in the case, experts said India must pursue all efforts, including political appeals at the highest levels to ensure the Naval veterans, reportedly accused of espionage, are brought back to India.

"Multiple options exist," said Syed Akbaruddin, former Indian envoy to the United Nations and an expert in the Gulf region, pointing out that apart from the legal appeals process, a final decision on the implementation of the judicial outcome could be made by Qatar's head of state. He also pointed to a 2015 agreement on the transfer of sentenced prisoners in case India's appeal for clemency is accepted. "In short, there is enough space to address the sensitive but unprecedented issue in a manner that preserves the trajectory of bilateral ties," Mr. Akbaruddin added.

In March 2015, during the visit of Qatari Foreign Minister Dr. Khalid Bin Mohammed Al Attiyah to India, one of the agreements exchanged between the two countries was on "Transfer of Sentenced Persons". "Under this agreement, Indian prisoners convicted in Qatar can be brought to India to serve the remaining part of their sentence. Similarly Qatari citizens convicted in India can be sent to their home country to serve their sentence. This agreement would enable the sentenced persons to be near their families and would help in the process of their social rehabilitation," the MEA had stated. A year later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Doha for a bilateral visit where several other agreements were signed, and also met Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in 2019.


Narendra Modi with Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in New Delhi in 2015. R.V. MOORTHY

"Under this 2015 agreement, convicted individuals can be repatriated to serve out the sentence at home. Sentence of Indian Navy veterans must be commuted or pardon obtained and this agreement invoked," former Naval Chief Admiral Arun Prakash, who has consistently been raising questions about the case, said on social media on Friday. He also asked whether due process was followed, or whether the eight retired Naval personnel had been "properly defended during the secret trial?"

Defence pact

According to some experts, India could also leverage other parts of its strategic ties with Qatar to pursue its case for the men. In 2008, India and Qatar signed a Defence Cooperation Agreement during the visit of then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Doha in November 2008 which has been extended every five years, the last time in November 2018. "The agreement has not yet been renewed," an official source without elaborating further said, a possible indication of an opportunity for high-level negotiations in the near future. India also offers training slots in its defence institutions to Qatari military personnel, and regularly participates in the biennial Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX) in Qatar.

Others stressed the importance of working "behind the scenes" with bilateral consultations at senior levels. "This is not a matter for public discussions or jingoism as we have seen in the recent case of Canada. The issues involved are sensitive and the stakes are high given the number of Indians working there," said former Ambassador Talmiz Ahmad, who has authored a book on West Asia. "Apart from avenues of judicial review, we must recognise that above all there is the royal family that attaches a very high value to their relationship with India, and a royal pardon could still be hoped for," Mr. Ahmad added, pointing out that this is an exceptional and rare case involving espionage by Indians anywhere in the Gulf region.

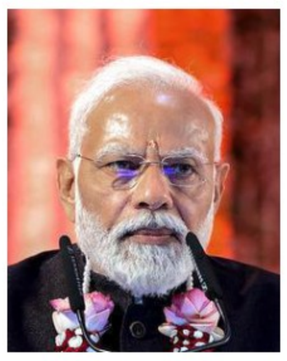
ASSEMBLY POLLS 2023

Uma missing in BJP's list of star campaigners

The names of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath figure on the list of 40 star campaigners of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the next month's Madhya Pradesh Assembly election. The ruling party in the State issued the list on Friday.

The names of BJP chief J.P. Nadda, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Smriti Irani, Anurag Thakur, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Piyush Goyal, Narendra Singh Tomar, Bhupender Yadav, Faggan Singh Kulaste, and Arjun Munda are also in the list.

However, the name of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and ex-Union Minister Uma Bharti is missing from the list.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah are among the 40 star campaigners for the BJP in Madhya Pradesh.

Himanta defends speech in Chhattisgarh

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday defended his speech against a Chhattisgarh Minister during a campaign in the poll-bound State last week.

The Election Commission had on Thursday slapped a show-cause notice on Mr. Sarma for *prima facie* violation of the Model Code of Conduct and asked him to respond by October 30 evening.

"Congress has withheld the material information from the Hon'ble Election Commission that Mohammed Akbar is their candidate from Kawardha Constituency. Therefore legitimate criticism of a candidate does not amount to communal politics," Mr. Sarma wrote on X.

The grand old party had alleged that Mr. Sarma's remarks showed a clear-cut intention to incite sections of society against one another.

> Baghel says he respects Lord Ram... but I want to ask him why he is silent when son of Tamil Nadu CM calls Sanatana Dharma a disease
>
> **RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD**
> BJP leader

JCC (J) releases fifth list for Chhattisgarh

The Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J), founded by former Chief Minister late Ajit Jogi, on Friday released its fifth list of 27 candidates for the second phase of the Chhattisgarh assembly elections. With this list, the party has announced candidates for 60 out of the total 90 seats in the State.

> You [agencies] have become a political weapon [of the Union government]. Modi*ji*, you do not understand, your countdown has begun
>
> **ASHOK GEHLOT**
> Rajasthan Chief Minister

J.P. Nadda along with Kiren Rijiju and Vanlalhmuaka during the launch of the party manifesto in Aizawl. ANI

BJP promises drug-free Mizoram

Rahul Karmakar
AIZAWL

The BJP has promised a drug-free Mizoram, where addiction to narcotic substances has been a major worry for almost four decades now.

The party's manifesto for the November 7 election also focuses on empowering women who outnumber men by 25,956 as voters.

"We will launch the 'Operation Drug-Free Mizoram' to curb drug addiction among the youth. We will also constitute a specialised anti-drug task force under the command of the Chief Minister," BJP national president J.P. Nadda said, while releasing the party's vision document in Aizawl on Friday.

Asserting that the party would form the government in Mizoram, he said all border checkpoints would be upgraded to help crack down on narcotics inflow into the State and a sophisticated drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centre would be established in each of the 11 districts.

Mr. Nadda said the BJP prepared a well-researched and practical vision document unlike other parties. He said the research, with the financial aspect factored in, helped the party focus on empowering women in Mizoram. "We will provide free quality education to all girl students from KG to PG and reserve 33% of government jobs for women if we are voted to power," he said.

The other schemes promised are a cumulative financial assistance of ₹1.5 lakh for every girl child and a free two-wheeler to every meritorious girl student of Class 12.

The BJP also promised a ₹350-crore scheme to revamp the existing government schools and colleges, establish the Mizoram Sports Academy, and introduce a corpus fund of ₹25 crore for a sports talent development programme.

Cliffhanger in India's youngest State

In Telangana, the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi is banking on welfare and developmental schemes and the charisma of CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao to clinch a hat-trick, while Congress is relying on 'six guarantees' to propel it to power; BJP is hoping to capitalise on anti-incumbency sentiments

IN FOCUS

Ravi Reddy
HYDERABAD

As Telangana heads for the third Assembly election of its short electoral history, the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is looking for a hat-trick to retain power, while the Congress, the main Opposition party, is dreaming of ruling the State whose birth it facilitated in 2014. For the BJP, dependent on its central leadership, this election will test whether it has been able to make any significant inroads into the State.

More than three crore voters are gearing up to exercise their franchise in 119 constituencies in a single-phase election slated for November 30.

The stakes are high for the three major parties, with the BRS (earlier known as the TRS) trying to fend off a spirited challenge by a resurgent Congress. Trying to emulate its success in Karnataka, the Congress is focused on taking its slogan of 'six guarantees' for welfare schemes to the voters.

After almost a decade in power, the BRS must overcome anti-incumbency sentiments, especially in constituencies where the track record of MLAs who have been renominated is a cause of worry. Apart from its welfare and developmental schemes, the ruling party is also banking on the charisma of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, known as KCR, and a spirited campaign by Ministers K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao, and MLC K. Kavitha, all members of the CM's family.

The BJP – considered a force to reckon with in 2019, when it wrested four Lok Sabha seats in the State, and then put up a spirited show in the subsequent Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections – has lost steam due to the unceremonious change of its State unit chief, Bandi Sanjay. It is battling internal frictions between old-timers and newcomers, but is trying its best to stay in the reckoning. It is campaigning against the family rule of the BRS, claiming that the ruling party is mired in corruption.

2018 grand alliance

In the 2018 election, which was held after the premature dissolution of the Assembly, the BRS and the BJP contested on their own, while the Congress joined hands with the Telugu Desam Party and the Telangana Jana Samiti to form a *Mahakutami*, or grand alliance. The All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) confined itself to its strongholds in the old city of Hyderabad.

Despite triumphant expectations for the alliance, it was the BRS that scored a landslide, winning 88 seats with a vote share of almost 47%. The Congress had to be content with just 19 seats. The AIMIM won seven seats and the TDP two.

The BJP won a single seat – and lost deposits in dozens of constituencies.

The remaining two seats went to the All India Forward Bloc and an Independent candidate. Post-election, several MPs from the Congress, the TDP, and the AIFB, as well as the Independent, switched loyalties to swell the BRS's strength to more than 100.

The Congress's decision to align with the TDP proved disastrous, as the BRS took full advantage of statehood sentiments to paint TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu as an anti-Telangana figure.

Candidate calculus

In 2023, multi-cornered contests are inevitable in almost all constituencies. The BRS, the Congress, and the BJP are fighting for the main honours, but smaller parties such as the AIMIM, the Bahujan Samaj Party, the YSR Telangana Party, the Telangana TDP, and the Left parties will also try their luck.

While the Congress and the BJP are yet to announce their full list of candidates, KCR announced BRS candidates for 115 seats two months ago. The BRS managed to quell dissidence to some extent but failed to stop defections by some disappointed contenders to rival parties.

Subsequently, the Congress announced its first list of 55 candidates, with defectors and newcomers bagging the majority of ticket, leading to protests by those denied an opportunity. The Congress has its task cut out to balance caste, religion, and other equations in the selection of candidates. Resentment is brewing among the party's backward class supporters, who fear that they may get short shrift in the election in the name of surveys. There is still no word on a possible alliance between the Congress and the Left parties.

A number of leaders who have switched parties are being rewarded with ticket. Notable among the defectors is former Congress MP Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, who joined the BJP last year to fight the byelection to the Munugode Assembly seat, but is now back in the Congress.

The BJP too has come out with its first list. It is also in talks with Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan to campaign for the party; sources said a BJP-JSP tie-up cannot be ruled out, which has angered a section of the saffron party's leaders.

Critical constituencies

The Chief Minister will fight the election from the Gajwel and Kamareddy constituencies, while State Congress chief A. Revanth Reddy and Congress Legislature Party leader Bhatti Vikramarka will contest from Kodangal and Madhira, respectively.

Among the BJP's top guns, MP and former State party chief Bandi Sanjay will fight from Karimnagar, while two other MPs – Dharmapuri Arvind (Korutla) and Soyam Bapu Rao (Boath) – will be in the fray. KCR's bête noire and former State Minister Etela Rajender will contest against him in Gajwel, throwing up an interesting duel. Mr. Rajender, who fell out with the BRS chief two years ago, is now the election management committee chief of the State BJP.

The Congress kicked off its campaign by holding the first meeting of the newly constituted Congress Working Committee in Hyderabad and following up with a massive public meeting last month. Party leader Sonia Gandhi announced the six guarantees or welfare schemes. Its promise to implement these guarantees in the first 100 days of coming to power has given the party a boost. The three-day first phase of former party chief Rahul Gandhi's bus yatra, starting at the famous Ramappa Temple in Mulugu district and traversing Peddapalli, Warangal, Karimnagar, and Nizamabad Lok Sabha constituencies, has enthused the Congress cadre and helped create a perceptible change in the mood.

The BRS manifesto is a clear effort to outsmart the Congress's six guarantees, with the ruling party trying to get the support of the electorate by enhancing financial assistance to the groups targeted by the Opposition party.

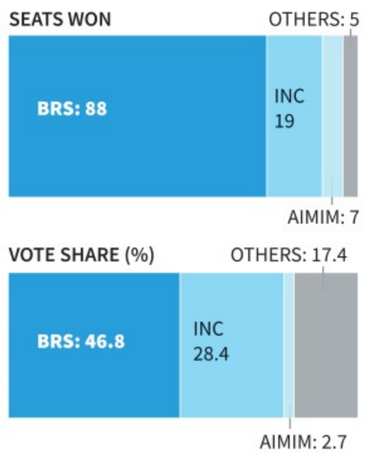
The BJP is banking on the central leadership to turn the tide in its favour. Prime Minister Narendra Modi sounded the poll bugle from Mahabubnagar and followed it up with another meeting in Nizamabad. Lashing out at the BRS leadership, he went to the extent of claiming that KCR had made a bid to join the NDA, but had been rejected.

Past record

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Congress have been the key players in Telangana politics since the formation of the State in 2014. A lowdown of the 2018 election results

K.V.S. GIRI

Preparations begin: GHMC staff remove banners in Hyderabad after election date was announced.



More women voters in Bastar, but meagre representation

Shubhomoy Sikdar
JAGDALPUR

In Chhattisgarh's Bastar, a region said to be holding the key to power in the poll-bound State, there are 10.4 lakh women voters against 9.97 lakh men voters. Yet, the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP have together fielded just two women candidates in Bastar, which has 12 Assembly seats.

The Congress's Savitri Mandavi is contesting from Bhanupratappur in Kanker and the BJP's Lata Usendi is contesting from Kondagaon.

All except one of these seats are reserved for tribal candidates and will go to the polls on November 7, when voting for the first phase of the Assembly election will be held.

Ms. Usendi – a national vice-president of the BJP apart from being a former three-time MLA and a former Minister in the State – is not convinced that women are not given adequate representation in her party and points out that the relative socio-political status of women is better in Bastar and tribal societies in general.

"The issue of candidates is a different one, but there are no problems whatsoever as far as developing women leadership in the State is concerned. In the tribal societies, women get equal rights and perform a key role in running families as well within the community set up," Ms. Usendi says.

Congress's State media in-charge Sushil Anand Shukla also agrees that participation of women in the social structure is significant, but acknowledges that it needs to be reflected in electoral politics as well.

"It was our endeavour to field more and more women but winnability is also a factor. Overall, in the State, 20% of our candidates are women," he says.

However, there are other factors that make the issue of representation, or lack thereof, for Bastar women an anomaly and pose a question if it is apathy at the grassroots that is preventing women from rising up in the hierarchy.

Out of power: Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam seeks to reserve 33% seats for women in the Lok Sabha. FILE PHOTO

First, since the days of undivided Madhya Pradesh and the years thereafter, a series of initiatives have been taken to empower women socially and politically in the Chhattisgarh, key among them is a 50% reservation for them in local bodies introduced in 2008, raising it from the 33% since 1991.

Second, the run-up to the elections saw a vigorous debate on the representation of women in elected legislatures with Parliament passing the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam that seeks to reserve 33% seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

Third, in the poll-bound State, the outgoing Assembly had the distinction of having the maximum share of women MLAs (16 out of 90 or 17.7%) anywhere in the country (Ms. Mandavi and two others were elected in byelections later).

In 2023, both parties have fielded more women candidates than they had the last time, with the Congress taking up the number from 14 (pre-by election that is) to 18 and the BJP from 13 to 14.

However, in Bastar, that number of one each remains unchanged from five years ago. And even the political careers of even the two women candidates from the two parties is rooted in family legacy.

Till last year, Ms. Savitri Mandavi was a school teacher whose husband Manoj Singh Mandavi, the then sitting MLA of Bhanupratapur passed away in November 2022 and she was fielded by the party from the same seat in the by-elections necessitated thereafter. Following her successful debut in that by-election, the Congress has reposed its faith in Ms. Mandavi for the 2023 elections as well.

In 2018, all 12 elected MLAs in the region were men.

However, in the by-election that followed after Dantewada BJP MLA Bhima Mandavi was killed by Maoists in 2019, his wife Ojaswi contested on a BJP ticket.

The Congress fielded Devti Karma, the wife of Mahendra Karma, against her. Mahendra Karma, like Bhima Mandavi, too, was slain by Maoists in 2013. This time, however, Ms. Karma was dropped in favour of her son while Ms. Ojaswi Mandavi was denied the ticket despite applying for the same.

Booth-level workers from both parties in Jagdalpur privately acknowledge there are not enough women claimants for tickets.

Manikuntala Bose – the chief editor of *Dandakaranya Samachar* – says that despite all the claims of better representation of women at a social level, in seldom reflects in elected bodies and even when women get elected, men run the show like elsewhere in India.

However, she is hopeful that the scenario might change and attributes this to a rise in the educational profile of Dantewada and the entire Bastar region.

Laptops for college students, OPS among 5 guarantees of Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

The ruling Congress in Rajasthan on Friday unveiled five new guarantees for the people of the State, making a promise that the party would implement them if voted back to power in the coming Assembly election. The guarantees included a Chhattisgarh-like *godhan* scheme, in which the State government would purchase cow dung at ₹2 a kg from cattle rearers.

Announcing the guarantees at a press conference here, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said even Prime Minister Narendra Modi was following the "guarantee model" of the Congress government, in a testimony of its efficacy. "We have won people's confidence by fulfilling our earlier promises...," he said.

The other guarantees were a law on the Old Pension Scheme, laptops or tablets for government college students, free school education in English medium, and ₹15-lakh insurance cover for losses due to natural calamities. Mr. Gehlot said more announcements would be made in the Congress's election manifesto.

The five guarantees were in addition to the two made at a rally in Jhunjhunu by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday.

Ms. Vadra said the government would provide an annual honorarium of ₹10,000, in instalments, to women heads of families and also provide cooking gas cylinders at ₹500 to 1.05 crore families.

The subsidised cylinder scheme is currently only for BPL families and Ujjwala Scheme beneficiaries.

Mr. Gehlot said a law on OPS would ensure that no government in future can stop the benefit for employees.

INBRIEF

NewsClick HR head seeks bail, founder wants seized devices

NewsClick human resources department head Amit Chakraborty has moved a Delhi court seeking bail in a case lodged under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act over allegations that the news portal received money to spread pro-China propaganda, his lawyer said. The portal's founder, Prabir Purkayastha (in photo), also moved the court seeking release of his electronic devices seized by police in the case. Special Judge Hardeep Kaur on Friday granted time to the Delhi Police till November 4 to file reply on Mr. Chakraborty's bail application and till October 31 on Mr. Purkayastha's request. PTI

Mukhtar Ansari sentenced to 10 years in jail in murder case

A special court in Uttar Pradesh on Friday sentenced former MLA and gangster Mukhtar Ansari to 10 years imprisonment in a 2009 murder case. The MP/MLA Special Court in Ghazipur district also slapped a fine of ₹5 lakh on Ansari. It awarded a five-year imprisonment to Sonu Yadav, a co-accused in the case, and imposed a penalty of ₹2 lakh. The police had booked Ansari, a former five-time MLA, under Section 3(1) of the Gangster Act for plotting a conspiracy to kill one Kapil Dev Singh. He has been convicted in six cases, including murder and kidnapping, this year.

ED searches 17 locations in Parabolic Drugs case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday searched multiple locations as part of its probe into an alleged ₹1,626.74 crore bank loan fraud involving Chandigarh-based Parabolic Drugs Limited and its directors, including Vineet Gupta and Pranav Gupta. The two are founding members of Ashoka University.

The searches were conducted at 17 places in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Panchkula, Ambala and Mumbai.

The ED probe is based on a case registered by the CBI in December 2021, alleging that Parabolic Drugs and 11 others cheated a consortium of 12 banks to the tune of ₹1,626.74 crore.

Meanwhile, Ashoka University, in a statement, said it had no relationship with Parabolic Drugs and that any attempt to create a link was without any basis. "Vineet and Pranav Gupta are two among the more than 200 founders and donors of the university, who have contributed to Ashoka's creation and growth in their personal philanthropic capacity," it said.

(*With inputs from Satvika Mahajan*)

80% of India's urban population has access to high-speed Internet: PM

Internet connectivity and speed increases ease of living, says Modi and praises operators for rapid rollout of 5G services across the country; says India is moving towards becoming a leader in 6G

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed telecom operators' progress in spreading 5G coverage in urban centres, saying that over 80% of India's urban population now had access to the high-speed technology.

"Within a year of 5G launch, about 4 lakh 5G base stations have been built in India," he said at the seventh India Mobile Congress event here.

"Improving Internet connectivity and speed is not just about rankings and numbers," the Prime Minister said, after mentioning Indian networks' jump in global mobile data speed rankings. "Improving Internet connectivity and speed also increases ease of living.. .it becomes easier for the student to connect with his teacher online, the patient has a seamless experience while connecting to his doctor for telemedicine [and] tourists can easily use online maps to find a location."

In focus: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arriving for the India Mobile Congress in New Delhi on Friday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

'Not a stain on rollout'

"We are not only rapidly expanding 5G in India, but are also moving towards becoming a leader in the field of 6G," Mr. Modi said, referring to research efforts in India to standardise the next generation of telecommunications.

In a jibe at the controversy surrounding the 2G scam, he said: "What happened here during 2G, maybe the new generation will not know... 4G expanded in our period but there is not a single stain on that technology's rollout."

The Prime Minister pointed to a rise in domestic electronics manufacturing as a success, and pointed to tech giants Apple and Samsung's smartphone assembly in India as an example. He also cited Google's plans to assemble its flagship Pixel lineup in India. "Today, we are exporting about ₹2 lakh crore in electronics manufacturing," he remarked.

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters on the sidelines of the event that even the component manufacturing ecosystem was taking shape in India, with camera modules for Apple coming together in India soon. "The value addition is increasing rapidly," Mr. Vaishnaw said, citing the fact that Google designs semiconductor chips that go into its Pixel smartphones in India.

Mr. Modi made a pitch to secure electronics supply chains, a likely reference to Chinese dominance in electronics assembly and manufacturing. "It is... necessary to discuss how we can make the democratic societies of the world safe from troublemakers," he warned.

Congress leader Harish Rawat at a hospital in Dehradun. PTI

CBI summons Cong. leader Rawat in bribery case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday served notice on former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat asking the Congress veteran to appear before it on November 6.

The agency has asked Mr. Rawat, who is currently admitted at a hospital in Dehradun due to minor injuries sustained in a road accident, to appear on November 6 to provide voice samples in connection with a case of bribery and horse trading.

Expressing shock at the summons, Mr. Rawat took to social media and said he was surprised given that he is hospitalised. He sought a fresh date from the CBI citing health reasons.

Vikram kicked up 2 tonnes of lunar dust, say scientists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chandrayaan-3's lander module, Vikram, had generated an "ejecta halo" on the lunar surface while making the historic touchdown on the south pole of the moon on August 23.

According to a new study, Vikram raised lunar dust and generated a bright patch around itself when it landed on the moon.

"Chandrayaan-3 Results: On August 23, 2023, as it descended, the Chandrayaan-3 Lander Module generated a spectacular 'ejecta halo' of lunar material. Scientists from NRSC/ISRO estimate that about 2.06 tonnes of lunar *epi regolith* were ejected and displaced over an area of 108.4 m^2 around the landing site," ISRO posted on X.

These findings were published in an article titled *Characterisation of Ejecta Halo on the Lunar Surface Around Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander Using OHRC Imagery* in the *Journal of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing* on October 26.

Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander on the moon. ISRO

"The Vikram lander of the Chandrayaan-3 mission landed near the south pole of the moon on August 23. During the action of descent stage thrusters and the consequent landing, a significant amount of lunar surficial *epi regolith* material got ejected, resulting in a reflectance anomaly or *ejecta halo*," states the abstract of the article, authored by Swati Singh, Prakash Chauhan, Priyom Roy, Tapas R. Martha and Iswar C. Das from ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad.

Images compared

The authors added that they compared the pre- and post-landing high-resolution panchromatic imagery from orbiter high-resolution camera (OHRC) of the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, acquired hours before, and after the landing event, and characterised this *ejecta halo* as an irregular bright patch surrounding the lander.

India became the first nation to touch down in the moon's polar region when Chandrayaan-3's lander module, with the rover in its belly, successfully made a soft landing on the lunar surface. The lander and the rover went to sleep after the end of one lunar day (14 Earth days).

Courts should not go by the background of witness alone: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has released a man sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case after learning that the entire case against him was based on the blind trust in the spotless reputation of the star witness as a "literate and god-fearing" person.

"A court of law cannot declare the reputation of a person based upon its own opinion merely because a person is educated and said to be God-fearing, that by itself will not create a positive reputation," the Supreme Court said in a recent judgment.

The case was based on the death of a woman 20 years ago in Himachal Pradesh. The prime witness was her neighbour. He heard her cries for help and claimed to have seen two men. Later, the police found the body of the woman in her house.

But a Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and J.B. Pardiwala found the conduct of the witness strange in several instances.

Justice Sundresh noted that the man did not enter the house of his neighbour to check on her after the accused had left. Instead, he saw the school-going children of the woman and "advised" them to tell their mother to call the police.

The top court noted that the trial court had acquitted the accused of the crime. However, the Himachal Pradesh High Court had set aside the trial court judgment, blindly believing the evidence of the witness. "Courts are not expected to get carried away by the mere background of a person... when his conduct, being a relevant fact, creates serious doubt," Justice Sundresh observed.

High alert after Railway station gets threat letter

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

After receiving a threatening letter purportedly from the terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, on October 26 in Haryana, the Ministry of Railways has instructed the local police, GRP, Railway administration, and State Intelligence agencies to take measures to avoid any untoward incident.

Around 11 a.m, on October 26, Station Manager at Yamunanagar Jagadhri Railway Station in Amble division received a letter by post from one Kareem Ansari, who claimed to be an area commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba-Kashmir, Pakistan. The letter stated that to "avenge the deaths of jihadis" in J&K, the group would bomb the Jagadhri Railway Station, an electricity plant as well as various bus stops and temples during Deepavali.

Mizoram has highest cancer incidence rate in India, finds study

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

'Rise in mortality rates could be due to dearth of specialised diagnostic facilities, skilled personnel'

Despite being the country's second least populated State, Mizoram exhibits the highest cancer incidence rate in India.

The latest evidence from an 18-year trend study notes a consistent uptick in cancer incidence and mortality in the State, with stomach cancer emerging as the primary cause of cancer-related deaths among men, while lung cancer plays a parallel role among women.

Cancer incidence and mortality is also growing among the younger generation in Mizoram, which may stem from the static lifestyle and dietary patterns prevalent within the endogamous tribal population, potentially contributing to a genetic predisposition, according to the study, titled "Cancer awareness, diagnosis and treatment needs in Mizoram, India: evidence from 18 years trends (2003-2020)", which was recently published in *The Lancet Regional Health – Southeast Asia*.

The study notes that the escalation in mortality rates could be attributed to a dearth of specialised diagnostic facilities and skilled human resources, treatment strategies guided by genomic research, and transportation challenges.

For the study, data was extracted from the Mizoram Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR), which was supported by ICMR.

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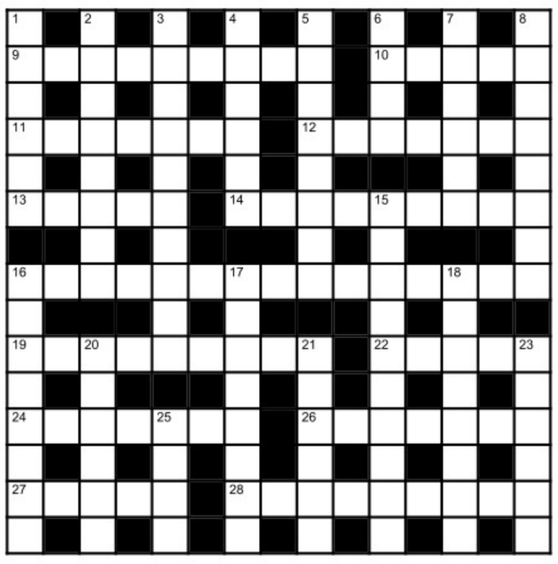

Across

9 Eggs on star hugging a dying star (9)
10 Answer only around five (5)
11 Regular coverage in greater detail? That's not gonna happen (3,4)
12 Dispute over extremely radioactive consignment (7)
13 Some dope went after the head of state (5)
14 Guys, a fancy phone first, or spectacles? (9)
16 Needing fixes, man to book clinic providing safe access (11,4)
19 Uncontrollable jobs mess? Give pink slips to leaders! (9)
22 One going around in circles or lost — a scared dog, perhaps (5)
24 Uneasy truce involving toilet style (4,3)
26 Squeals about diamonds (7)
27 Measures and marinates, half-heartedly (5)
28 Texted, "are you lousy in cooking?" with terrible consequences (9)

Down

1 Release gas unapologetically, somewhat up-ending conventions (6)
2 Against the flow, northern state's rail transport saves energy (8)
3 Non-competitive games in France: one-goal stories (10)
4 Helping Barbie say two opening bits from Oppenheimer (6)
5 JAR file getting built? Eating a bit of zafrani curry (8)
6 Man, perhaps loudly read passage (4)
7 Society under pressure to eradicate drug epidemic (6)
8 Occasionally kick at butt feebly, when upset with defender (4,4)
15 Reprogrammed bomb (OS: Unix) in a large theatre area (7,3)
16 Extremely fine cocaine and methamphetamine smuggled by anchor (8)
17 A soldier rests, unwinding with cattle grazers (8)
18 Fit from muscular cycling, welcoming back rub (8)
20 Ridicule king inhabiting filthy place (6)
21 Sweet nothings rejected — essentially preferred comfortable AC output (6)
23 Controversy, as Erdogan shows up, echoes statement (6)
25 Suit jacket (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Faithful flock to Amritsar

These auspicious days are seeing the congregation of devotees to the holy city of Amritsar, commemorating their faith from diverse religions and all walks of life. It was the construction of *guru ka chak*, centred on a sacred pond by Guru Ramdas, which laid the foundation of Ramdaspur, popularly known now as the *guru ki nagari*, Amritsar, said Professor Kumool Abbi in a lecture.

Guru Ramdas, whose birth anniversary falls on October 30, founded the sacred universe of Amritsar, with its religious sites circumvallated by sacred sarovars, giving the city a unique identity. Born as Jetha in Dana Mandi at Lahore, Ramdas came under the tutelage of Guru Amaradas and was deployed in the service of humanity at Goindwal, He successfully defended the Sikh faith in Akbar's court, and his guru anointed him as Guru Ramdas, the fourth Guru of Sikhs. The most significant milestone at Ramdaspur was the foundation of the Golden Temple, the holiest place of worship of the Sikhs.

Devotees get drawn to another sacred space in Amritsar, the Valmiki Tirath Sthan, venerating Valmiki, whose birth anniversary falls on October 28. Inaugurated in 2016, it celebrates the crystallisation of the contemporary Valmiki identity. In the midst is Valmiki's abode where it is believed he composed the Ramayana and the Yogavashista.

MADRID

'Over 2,00,000 minors may have been victims of Church sex abuse'

AFP

Over 2,00,000 minors may have been sexually abused in Spain by the Roman Catholic clergy since 1940, according to a study published on Friday. It said a poll of over 8,000 people found that 0.6% of Spain's adult population said they had suffered sexual abuse by members of the clergy when they were still children. AFP

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia picks powerful ruler of Johor state as country's new king

AP

Malaysia on Friday chose 64-year-old Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar (right, in the photo) from the southern state of Johor to be the country's next king. The position is largely ceremonial but oversees major appointments such as the Prime Minister and serves as the head of Islam in the Muslim-majority country. AFP

WASHINGTON

China FM calls for 'stable' U.S. ties on visit to weigh Xi summit soon

AFP

China's top diplomat voiced hope on Thursday for more stable relations with the United States after months of turbulence as he paid a rare trip to Washington to prepare a potential visit by President Xi Jinping. Foreign Minister Wang Yi has reportedly said that China wanted to "reduce misunderstanding". AFP

YANGON

Alliance of ethnic rebels launches attacks across northern Myanmar

AFP

An alliance of ethnic rebel groups in Myanmar launched coordinated attacks on the military across the country's north on Friday, posing a fresh challenge to the junta as it struggles to quell resistance. Telegram channels said the rebels were attacking 12 towns across a swathe of Shan state around 100 km across. AFP

Li Keqiang, China's reformist Premier sidelined by Xi, dies

The Communist Party in a statement praised Li as 'an excellent CPC member, a time-tested and loyal communist soldier and an outstanding proletarian revolutionist'; Li represented loosely a politics that spoke to continued momentum in China's reform and opening up, and a firm focus on the economy, including the private sector, which had emerged as a lynchpin of China's growth and jobs

Ananth Krishnan

Li Keqiang, who served as China's Premier for a decade and was seen by many in his country as one of the last remaining reformist politicians in an era of increasing political centralisation, died early on Friday after a sudden heart attack. He was 68.

News of the death of Li, who went into early retirement at last November's Communist Party congress following a clean sweep of top party posts by allies of President Xi Jinping, brought an outpouring of grief on Chinese social media.

The Communist Party in a statement praised Li as "an excellent CPC member, a time-tested and loyal communist soldier and an outstanding proletarian revolutionist, statesman and leader of the Party and the state." "After retiring from his leadership position, he firmly embraced and supported the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, cared about the development of the Party and the country's cause, and firmly supported the construction of clean government and the fight against corruption," said an official statement.

If Li had during his two terms as Premier been careful to publicly support Mr. Xi, in truth, he had little choice but to do so, given Mr. Xi's rapid accumulation of power over the party and military. Even the official obituary statement from the CPC made it a point to mention Mr. Xi's name six times, and cited among Li's achievements his "adherence" to Mr. Xi's leadership.

Different styles

Yet, differences between the two leaders – from their political styles to policy preferences – were stark and something of an open secret in Beijing. Li was the pragmatic technocrat, while Mr. Xi brought back the focus on ideology. Li represented loosely a politics that spoke to continued momentum in China's reform and opening up, and a firm focus on the economy, including the private sector, which had emerged as a lynchpin of China's growth, jobs and innovation. In his last press conference as Premier in March 2022, Li declared that reform and opening were irreversible like "the Yellow river and Yangtze river which will not flow backward", comments that struck a chord with the public at the time, three years into harsh COVID-19 restrictions, closed borders and regulatory interventions that had dampened economic sentiment. In 2020, when China's State media was celebrating Mr. Xi for eliminating extreme poverty, Li drew praise for reminding, during his annual press conference, that there were 600 million Chinese earning less than $140 a month.

Neither was it lost on the Chinese public when Mr. Xi was calling for continued pandemic restrictions – until rare public protests in November last year brought a sudden end to them – Li chose to appear in public without wearing a face mask and convened an online meeting of 1 lakh officials to emphasise the importance of jobs and growth amid mass lockdowns. The *People's Daily* chose to blank out coverage of the meeting from its front page, relegating it to a short paragraph in the inside pages.

Differing stance: Li Keqiang's sudden passing, so soon into his retirement, comes at a politically sensitive time for the party. AP

Economics and law

Born in a rural county of eastern Anhui province, Li joined the Communist Party at the age of 21, in the last year of the Cultural Revolution (1966-76). He was among the first students admitted to the elite Peking University when students were allowed to return to campuses after being "sent down to the countryside" by Mao. He graduated with a degree in law, and was the first Chinese Premier with a background in economics and law. The intellectual milieu of Peking University in the 1980s to some degree explained his more open politics even within the straitjacket of CPC politics. Some of his classmates would become advocates for political and legal liberalisation. Li, however, trod a more conservative path and jumped headlong into party politics through the Communist Youth League, where his association with Mr. Xi's predecessor Hu Jintao began.

After stints in the provinces garnered him a popular reputation especially among business leaders – one blot was a major crisis in Henan where his government covered up a scandal of mass HIV transmission through a blood donation programme – Li was initially put forward as the man to replace Mr. Hu. However, Mr. Xi emerged ahead of him at the 2007 Party congress, surprising observers as he was appointed Vice President and the anointed successor for 2012 in Li's stead.

"In 2012, the party wanted a strong leader, and Li was not seen to be that kind of persona," observed Ashok Kantha, who was India's Ambassador to China between 2014 and 2016. "Yes, there were achievements in the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao years, but also a feeling that corruption had gone out of control and there was drift in the system. That was the context in which Xi took over. Perhaps they didn't bargain for the ruthlessness that Xi has later shown."

Focus on economy

Taking over as Premier in 2013, Li did not rock the political boat and focused on running the economy. Yet even in economic decision-making, his power was quickly diminished as Mr. Xi ended the "collective leadership" system. Unlike his predecessors Zhu Rongji and Wen Jiabao, Li had little say in economic policy-making which was moved out from the State Council, or government, to one of several new Party Committees headed by Mr. Xi.

Li was praised by the leadership for choosing to make the "sacrifice" and retire in November last year although he was eligible for another five-year term on the Politburo Standing Committee. His sudden passing, so soon into his retirement, comes at a politically sensitive time for the party, shortly after the shocking removals of the Foreign Minister and Defence Minister, both of whom were appointed by Mr. Xi, barely a few months into their terms. As with the passing of former President Jiang last year, the party will likely hold a big enough state funeral to give the public space to grieve.

The passing of popular political leaders has, in Chinese politics, often become a rallying point for those displeased with current policies, most notably in 1989. On Friday, posts on social media in China were being carefully monitored and restricted, and some videos of Li were being deleted although posting links to official announcements of his death was being permitted.

Li is survived by his wife Cheng Hong, a well-known academic in China and professor of English literature, and one daughter.

Dhaka arrests hundreds ahead of protest

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Hundreds of Bangladeshi Opposition activists have been arrested, police and party officials said on Friday, ahead of a major rally where campaigners hope more than a million people will take to the streets of Dhaka.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its leftist allies, along with several Islamist outfits, have been mounting protests demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina quit and let a neutral government oversee elections due by the end of January.

Ground forces 'expanding' operation in Gaza, says Israel

Associated Press
DEIR AL-BALAH

Internet and phone services collapsed in the Gaza Strip under intensified bombardment on Friday night, largely cutting off its 2.3 million people from the outside world and each other, as Israel's military said it was "expanding" its ground operations in the besieged territory.

The military's announcement signalled it was moving closer to an all-out invasion of Gaza, where it has vowed to crush the ruling Hamas group after its bloody incursion in southern Israel three weeks ago.

Frequent explosions from airstrikes lit up the sky over Gaza City after nightfall on Friday, when the black-out in internet, cellular and landline services hit. The Red Crescent said it lost all contact with its operations room and medical teams. It said it feared people would no longer be able to contact ambulance services. Other aid groups said they were unable to reach staff on the ground.

An Israeli Army M109 155mm self-propelled howitzer deployed along the border with the Gaza Strip. AFP

Israel has amassed hundreds of thousands of troops along the border with Gaza ahead of an expected ground offensive against the Hamas militant group.

Earlier in the day, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant told a small group of foreign reporters that Israel expects a long and difficult ground offensive into Gaza soon. It "will take a long time" to dismantle Hamas' vast network of tunnels, as well as destroying "pockets of resistance."

U.S. jets strike sites in Syria in retaliation for attacks on troops

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Iranian-aligned militia and IRGC personnel were on the base and no civilians, says official

United States fighter jets launched airstrikes early on Friday on two locations in eastern Syria linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the Pentagon said, in retaliation for a slew of drone and missile attacks against U.S. bases and personnel in the region that began early last week.

The U.S. strikes reflect the Biden administration's determination to maintain a delicate balance. The U.S. wants to hit Iranian-backed groups suspected of targeting the U.S. as strongly as possible to deter future aggression, while also working to avoid inflaming the region.

According to a senior U.S. military official, the precision strikes were carried out near Boukamal by two F-16 fighter jets, and they struck weapons and ammunition storage areas that were connected to the IRGC.

The official said there had been Iranian-aligned militia and IRGC personnel on the base and no civilians, but the U.S. does not have any information yet on casualties or an assessment of damage.

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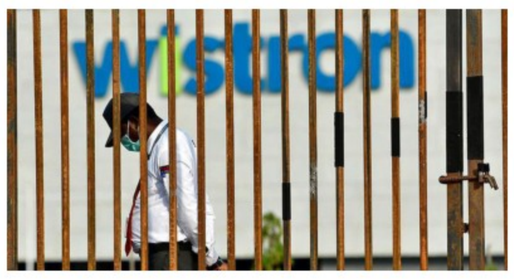


iPhone maker Wistron board backs sale of India unit to Tata

Years after giving an indication of divesting India operations, Taiwan's Wistron Corp. announced its board had approved the sale of its India unit, Wistron InfoComm Manufacturing (India) Pvt. Ltd., to the Tata Group, according to a filing with the Taiwan Stock Exchange. Wistron assembles Apple Inc.'s iPhone devices and components for these smartphones in Bengaluru and Hosur.Tata Electronics Pvt. Ltd. is set to purchase the Wistron subsidiary for $125 million.

General insurer Bajaj Allianz net profit jumps 39% in Q2

Bajaj Allianz reported net profit for the quarter ended September stood at ₹468 crore, an increase of 39.3% over the year earlier period. Gross written premium (GWP), or revenue, increased 52.6% to ₹7,298 crore. The company said it registered industry leading gross direct premium income (GDPI) growth at 53.6%. This was more than double the growth rate of private insurers at 21.1% and also surpassed standalone insurers at 24.2%, Bajaj Allianz said.

SBI Life Insurance PAT rises marginally in Sept. quarter

SBI Life Insurance reported profit after tax of ₹380.19 crore for the September quarter, a marginal increase from the ₹376.74 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. The growth came on a more than 21% increase in net premium to ₹20,049.66 crore (₹16,477.26 crore) and a 22% rise in expenses of management to ₹1,912.14 crore (₹1,566.41 crore). Solvency ratio was 2.12 (2.19). For the first half of the fiscal, value of new business rose 12% to ₹2,360 crore.

RIL Q2 net rises 27% to ₹17,394 crore

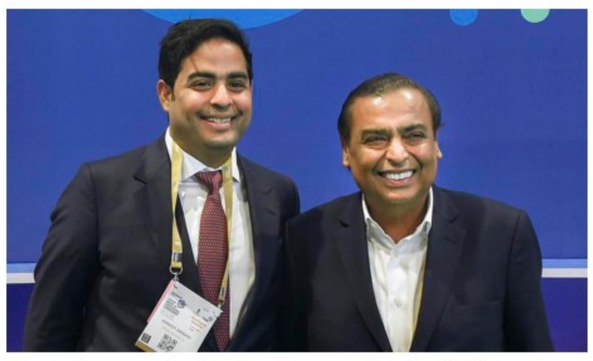
A 30% jump in EBITDA at the oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business and profit growth at the retail business buoy profitability; telecom unit Jio Platforms logs 12% increase in net profit, Ambani sees 5G, JioAirFiber help lift market share, profitability

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported second-quarter consolidated net profit grew 27.4% YoY to ₹17,394 crore as its mainstay oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business reported a 30% jump in EBITDA and the retail unit logged robust growth.

Consolidated revenue rose marginally by 1.2% to ₹2,55,996 crore.

"Strong operational and financial contribution from all business segments has helped Reliance deliver another quarter of robust growth," CMD Mukesh Ambani said in a statement.


Baton change: Mukesh Ambani is overseeing a leadership transition as he lets son Akash oversee the telecom business. PTI

While the O2C segment reported a 7.3% drop in quarterly revenue to ₹1,47,988 crore, primarily on account of a sharp 14% slump in crude oil prices that resulted in lower price realisation for products, EBITDA for the quarter increased 30% to ₹16,281 crore on the strength of gasoline and PVC margins.

"Resilient performance of the O2C segment despite volatility in energy markets was led by strong growth in fuel demand... Weak global demand and supply-overhang continued to impact downstream margins," Mr. Ambani acknowledged.

Reliance Retail posted an 18.8% increase in gross revenue to ₹77,148 crore, led by growth across consumption baskets. Net profit at the unit climbed 21% YoY to ₹2,790 crore.

Telecom unit Jio Platforms logged net profit of ₹5,297 crore, up 12%. Revenue grew 10.6% to ₹31,537 crore. The unit saw strong subscriber growth across mobility and wireline services, the company said.

"Jio True5G will soon be available pan India to usher in a new digital era for Indians," said Akash M. Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm. "5G, JioBharat and JioAirFiber are three big growth engines for Jio which would accelerate market share gains and profitability," Mr. Akash Ambani added.

Maruti Q2 net jumps 80% on SUVs, sees small-car rebound

Reuters
BENGALURU

Maruti Suzuki India , the country's top carmaker by sales, on Friday reported a higher quarterly profit that smashed estimates, as strong demand for its sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and cooling input costs boosted margins.

Profit after tax for the three months to September 30 rose to ₹37.17 billion rupees from ₹20.62 billion a year earlier.

Maruti is the first of India's listed carmakers to report results and benefit from a better share of sales from the revenue and margin-boosting SUVs, analysts have said. Quarterly raw material costs fell 7.4%.

Utility vehicles sales comprised 32% of quarterly volumes, up 16% y-o-y, sending revenue up 25% to ₹355.35 billion.

Hope for small cars

Sales of small cars may bounce back in two-to-three years once consumers' income levels increase, Chairman R.C. Bhargava said. Stubbornly high borrowing rates and inflation that is only just cooling have shrunk disposable incomes.

"Without growth at the entry level and the small car market in a market like India, sustained high levels of growth in the car industry are very unlikely," Mr. Bhargava added.

While small cars remain Maruti's biggest segment by volumes, their sales have been on the decline. Sales from mini and compact cars, including the 'Alto' and 'Swift' hatchbacks, fell to 43% for the quarter from 58% a year earlier.

IOB posts 25% growth in Q2 net profit to ₹625 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Indian Overseas Bank's (IOB) standalone net profit for the quarter ended September rose 25% to ₹625 crore from the year -earlier period due to increase in interest income and improvement in asset quality.

"Our growth is in line with the industry and in some parameters, we have grown more than the industry," MD & CEO Ajay Kumar Srivastava told journalists.

"Besides, income from the sale of priority sector lending certificates of ₹135 crore helped us to get higher net profit," he added.

Interest income rose to ₹5,821 crore from ₹4,718 crore. Non-interest income declined to ₹1,114 crore from ₹1,135 crore. Net interest margin improved to 3.12% from 2.79%.

NPAs decline

Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) declined to 4.74% from 8.53%, while net NPA was 0.68% against 2.56%. Provision coverage ratio improved to 96.76% from 90.94%. Total recovery was ₹1,069 crore and 40% came from technically written off accounts, while fresh slippages, mostly from unsecured education loan, was ₹321 crore.

Capital adequacy of the bank rose to 17% from 15.14%.

CUMI Q2 net rises 15% to ₹83 cr. on higher sales

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Carborundum Universal Ltd.'s (CUMI) standalone net profit for the September quarter rose 15% from the year-earlier period to ₹83 crore on account of higher sales volume.

Sales grew by 5% to ₹643 crore of which abrasives accounted for ₹285 crore, electro minerals ₹192 crore and ceramics ₹217 crore, while inter-segment revenue was about ₹52 crore, the Murugappa Group company said in a regulatory filing.

Free cash flow for H1 of FY24 was 68% of net profit compared with (-) 49%. Debt to equity ratio at consolidated level was 0.05.

U.S., Europe markets aid Dr. Reddy's Q2 net surge 33% to ₹1,482 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The firm attributed increase in sales in key markets to new products and less price erosion

Growth in key North America and Europe markets for mainstay generics, a favourable foreign exchange, and stability in pricing aided drugmaker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories report a 33% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹1,482.2 crore for the September quarter.

The higher net profit, compared with ₹1,114.2 crore in the year-earlier period, was aided by an almost 10% increase in net sales at ₹6,734.8 crore (₹6,163.2 crore). Total income rose 13.25% to ₹7,217.6 crore (₹6,372.6 crore), showed results prepared as per Indian Accounting Standards.

Senior leadership led by CEO Erez Israeli attributed the 13% revenue growth in North America generics market to more volumes, product launches and external factors, including less price erosion.

On contribution of Lenalidomide, the company's generic of cancer drug Revlimid, CFO Parag Agarwal described it as a high value product whose contribution is expected to be valuable for a few more quarters.

Reliance Jio tests satellite net service in four districts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reliance Jio has tested satellite Internet service, JioSpaceFiber, in four of the 'remotest' districts in India, the company announced on Friday.

Jio is one of the two firms holding a Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) license from the Department of Telecommunications, the other being Bharti Airtel Ltd. and the U.K. government's joint venture OneWeb, which merged with the French firm Eutelsat last month.

Jio announced the tests at the India Mobile Congress (IMC) currently underway in New Delhi.

City Union Bank's Q2 net rises a tad to ₹281 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) reported standalone net profit for Q2 rose marginally to ₹281 crore from ₹276 crore a year earlier on improved recovery and reduced slippages.

"Fresh slippages were ₹225 crore while cash recovery was ₹299 crore," MD & CEO N. Kamakodi said. "Going forward, we expect recoveries will be more than the slippages."

Gross non-performing assets rose to 4.66% (4.36%) while net non-performing assets slid to 2.34% (2.69%).

Mango exports rose 19% in April-August period as 41 countries bought pulpy fruit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mango exports from India have risen 19% in the first five months of 2023-24, with the U.S. importing more than 2,000 metric tonnes of the pulpy fruit which has found takers in 41 countries this year, including new markets like South Africa, Iran and the Czech Republic.

While India exported almost 23,000 metric tonnes of mangoes worth a little more than $40 million between April and August 2022, shipment volumes as well as values have risen 19% over the same period this year, as per Commerce Ministry data.

To encourage higher exports to the lucrative U.S. market, the Agriculture Ministry and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) had invited the U.S. Department of Agriculture's animal & plant health inspection service inspector for preclearance of mangoes at irradiation facilities at Vashi, Nashik, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad.

New Zealand emerged as the second highest importer of mangoes, with 110 metric tonnes of shipments, followed by Australia (58.4 MT) and Japan (43.1 MT). South Africa also imported 18.43 MT of mangoes after the nation's officials jointly supervised the fruit's pre-shipment vapour heat treatment with Indian authorities.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	63,783	1.01
US Dollar	83.25	0.00
Gold	62,000	0.00
Brent oil	88.83	-0.03

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2261.70	58.50
Adani Ports	782.40	12.05
Apollo Hosp	4830.20	69.90
Asian Paints	2955.15	-5.15
Axis Bank	1002.75	30.70
Bajaj Auto	5373.55	114.20
Bajaj Finserv	1566.40	6.40
Bajaj Finance	7507.20	85.40
Bharti Airtel	914.60	9.10
BPCL	334.95	-0.05
Britannia Ind	4514.30	6.50
Cipla	1174.25	23.40
Coal India	313.95	8.70
Divis Lab	3411.95	5.55
Dr Reddys Lab	5397.30	-24.65
Eicher Motors	3394.85	68.05
Grasim Ind	1856.00	6.45
HCL Tech	1268.70	36.90
HDFC Bank	1469.15	5.75
HDFC Life	608.65	2.80
Hero MotoCorp	3112.20	0.25
Hindalco	456.15	-0.50
Hind Unilever	2482.05	5.65
ICICI Bank	912.75	4.10
IndusInd Bank	1441.30	26.65
Infosys	1380.35	20.90
ITC	433.75	-0.60
JSW Steel	732.00	3.30
Kotak Bank	1702.70	7.85
L&T	2901.90	37.30
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5171.00	0.50
M&M	1510.80	4.70
Maruti Suzuki	10560.70	136.55
NestleIndia	24056.95	511.35
NTPC	236.60	4.95
ONGC	184.75	3.85
PowerGrid Corp	200.95	2.00
Reliance Ind	2265.80	39.30
SBI Life	1302.90	-2.70
State Bank	561.15	14.15
Sun Pharma	1111.30	7.60
TataConsumerProduct	891.10	10.75
Tata Motors	641.05	14.50
Tata Steel	119.90	0.00
TCS	3350.95	14.20
Tech Mahindra	1120.55	5.10
Titan	3120.70	19.90
UltraTech Cement	8210.15	4.85
UPL	558.65	-2.40
Wipro	382.35	4.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.05	83.37
Euro	87.67	88.02
British Pound	100.67	101.06
Japanese Yen (100)	55.34	55.56
Chinese Yuan	11.35	11.39
Swiss Franc	92.17	92.53
Singapore Dollar	60.61	60.86
Canadian Dollar	60.14	60.39
Malaysian Ringitt	17.37	17.45
Australian Dollar	52.72	52.94

Source:Indian Bank

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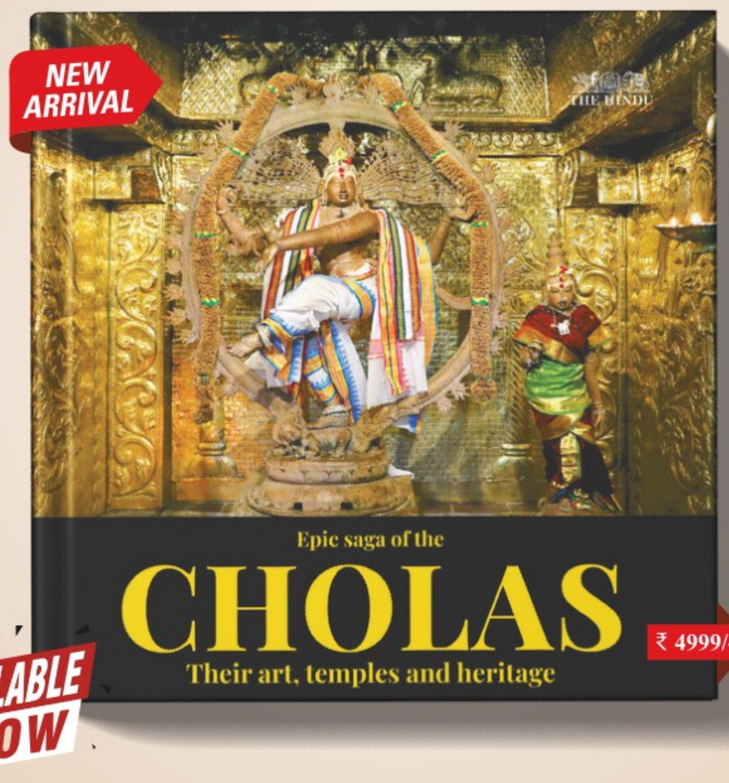

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UNFORTUNATE

Shadab suffers injury; Usama comes in as concussion substitute

R. RAGU

Usama Mir became the first concussion substitute in the ODI World Cup when he replaced leg-spinner Shadab Khan. During the first over of the South African chase, Shadab hit his head on the ground while fielding and couldn't continue. He was taken for a CT scan. Meanwhile, Usama finished with figures of two for 45.

NEW RECORD

South Africa becomes first team to register two one-wkt. wins in WC

R. RAGU

South Africa beat Pakistan for the first time in the ODI World Cup since 1999, having previously lost in 2015 and 2019. The Proteas' one-wicket win is just the seventh such instance in the competition and they are the only team to do it twice. Their other one-wicket victory came against Sri Lanka in 2007.

STANDING FIRM

Pakistan coach Arthur says it's not fair to start a witch hunt

R. RAGU

It's unfair to start a witch hunt of Babar Azam, Inzy (chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq), or on the coaching team. The efforts have been first class. Our fortunes are not because of a lack of effort. I'm proud of the boys because they fought. We were below par with the bat but the bowlers gave it their everything — Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur

HEARTBREAKING

'Run out in 2019 semifinal made it clear it was my last day for India'

AFP

A distraught M.S. Dhoni trudging back to the pavilion after being run out in the 2019 World Cup semifinal against New Zealand is one of the most tragic moments in Indian cricket history. "To me, that was the last day I played cricket for India (even though) I announced my retirement one year later. But the fact was, that day I retired."

South Africa sneaks past Pakistan in a humdinger

Bavuma's men, pursuing a target of 271, almost mess it up despite Markram's sterling effort; the last-wicket duo of Maharaj and Shamsi sees the side home; Babar's team shows fight before going down

Victory cry: Shamsi and Maharaj kept their nerve to pull off a thrilling win after wickets fell in a heap despite Markram's smashing knock. R. RAGU

ODI WORLD CUP

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

It took 26 matches for the World Cup to get a closely fought game. When it came, the nail-biting contest saw South Africa defeating Pakistan by one wicket on a day when fortunes swung wildly at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium.

Chasing 271, the Proteas made heavy weather of it despite Aiden Markram's brilliant 91 (93b, 7x4, 3x6). Pakistan persisted, with Shaheen Afridi providing crucial breakthroughs to reduce South Africa to 250 for eight.

Keshav Maharaj, Lungi Ngidi and Tabraiz Shamsi then slowly added 21 runs while surviving hostile spells from the three Pakistan pacers.

Once the quicks had finished their quota, Maharaj whipped left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz to the square-leg fence to help the Rainbow Nation register its fifth win in six matches and climb to the top.

South Africa began strongly when Quinton de Kock plundered four boundaries off Afridi in the second over before Markram took charge with stunning shots, the highlight being an upper-cut six off Haris Rauf.

When Markram and David Miller added 70 for the fifth wicket, Bavuma's men were cruising towards victory. But Afridi had Miller caught behind to break open the game.

Later, leg-spinner Usama Mir – who came on as a concussion substitute for Shadab Khan after the latter hurt himself while fielding – removed Markram, shifting the game's balance.

But in the end, the former champion could not close out the game and slumped to its fourth straight loss of the tournament.

Earlier, Babar Azam (50) and Saud Shakeel (52) led the way while Shadab and Mohammad Rizwan chipped in with cameos after Pakistan elected to bat.

However, none of the batters converted their starts, and the Asian team managed only 270 after all along threatening to finish with more than that.

At 141 for five, Pakistan looked in trouble when Shadab and Shakeel came up with counter-attacking knocks.

Shakeel used the sweep effectively to find the fence against the spinners while Shadab pulled Maharaj for a four and a six before lofting Shamsi down the ground.

The duo's 84-run stand (71 balls) set the stage for Pakistan to tee off in the last 10 overs.

But Gerald Coetzee struck in the 40th over removing Shadab before Shamsi had Shakeel caught behind.

The South African bowlers did well to bowl out Pakistan in the 47th over and the 20 deliveries Babar Azam's men failed to play proved costly.

Pakistan was also guilty of some wayward bowling towards the end, hastening the defeat and causing the side further despair.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN
Abdullah Shafique c Ngidi b Jansen 9 *(17b, 1x4)*, Imam-ul-Haq c Klaasen b Jansen 12 *(18b, 2x4)*, Babar Azam c de Kock b Shamsi 50 *(65b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Mohammad Rizwan c de Kock b Coetzee 31 *(27b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Iftikhar Ahmed c Klaasen b Shamsi 21 *(31b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Saud Shakeel c de Kock b Shamsi 52 *(52b, 7x4)*, Shadab Khan c Maharaj b Coetzee 43 *(36b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Mohammad Nawaz c Miller b Jansen 24 *(24b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Shaheen Shah Afridi c Maharaj b Shamsi 2 *(4b)*, Mohammad Wasim c de Kock b Ngidi 7 *(9b, 1x6)*, Haris Rauf (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-4, w-11, nb-4): 19; Total (in 46.4 overs): 270.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-20 (Shafique, 4.3 overs), 2-38 (Imam, 6.3), 3-86 (Rizwan, 15.5), 4-129 (Iftikhar, 25.1), 5-141 (Babar, 27.5), 6-225 (Shadab, 39.4), 7-240 (Shakeel, 42.1), 8-259 (Afridi, 44.2), 9-268 (Nawaz, 45.5).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Jansen 9-1-43-3, Ngidi 7.4-0-45-1, Markram 4-0-20-0, Maharaj 9-0-56-0, Coetzee 7-0-42-2, Shamsi 10-0-60-4.

SOUTH AFRICA
Temba Bavuma c Shakeel b Wasim 28 *(27b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Quinton de Kock c Wasim b Afridi 24 *(14b, 5x4)*, Rassie van der Dussen lbw b Usama 21 *(39b)*, Aiden Markram c Babar b Usama 91 *(93b, 7x4, 3x6)*, Heinrich Klaasen c Usama b Wasim 12 *(10b, 1x6)*, David Miller c Rizwan b Afridi 29 *(33b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Marco Jansen c Babar b Rauf 20 *(14b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Gerald Coetzee c Rizwan b Afridi 10 *(13b)*, Keshav Maharaj (not out) 7 *(21b, 1x4)*, Lungi Ngidi c & b Rauf 4 *(14b)*, Tabraiz Shamsi (not out) 4 *(6b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-5, w-15): 21; Total (for nine wkts. in 47.2 overs): 271.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-34 (de Kock, 3.3), 2-67 (Bavuma, 9.5), 3-121 (van der Dussen, 18.5), 4-136 (Klaasen, 21.4), 5-206 (Miller, 33.1), 6-235 (Jansen, 36.5), 7-250 (Markram, 40.2), 8-250 (Coetzee, 41.1), 9-260 (Ngidi, 45.3).

PAKISTAN BOWLING
Iftikhar 3-0-23-0, Afridi 10-0-45-3, Nawaz 6.2-0-40-0, Rauf 10-0-62-2, Wasim 10-1-50-2, Usama 8-0-45-2.

Toss: Pakistan; **PoM:** Shamsi.
South Africa won by one wicket with 16 deliveries to spare.

Next assignment

PAKISTAN: October 31 vs. **Bangladesh,** *Kolkata, 2 p.m.*

SOUTH AFRICA: November 1 vs. **New Zealand,** *Pune, 2 p.m.*

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
South Africa	6	5	1	10	2.032
India	5	5	0	10	1.353
New Zealand	5	4	1	8	1.481
Australia	5	3	2	6	1.142
Sri Lanka	5	2	3	4	-0.205
Pakistan	6	2	4	4	-0.387
Afghanistan	5	2	3	4	-0.969
Bangladesh	5	1	4	2	-1.253
England	5	1	4	2	-1.634
Netherlands	5	1	4	2	-1.902

The one that flew away! Jansen's effort to catch Rizwan off his own bowling came unstuck. R. RAGU

We could have been clinical: Bavuma

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

While his team was still in the middle of a happy "chaos" in the dressing room after its thrilling one-wicket win over Pakistan on Friday, South Africa captain Temba Bavuma looked at the positives.

"Towards the end, we were all at the edge of our seats. In the end, Keshav and Shammo did it for us. It's easy for us to have conversations on that run chase now with the result on our side. We could have been clinical but we did give Pakistan opportunities to get back into the game.

"We didn't show that control. I've spoken about our brand of cricket being positive. But there is room for us to be more competitive. We need to be able to identify where the risks are and find places where we can make low-risk choices to get ahead. I think this win will go a long way for us as a team," Bavuma said after South Africa jumped to the top of the table with its fifth win.

Bavuma also lauded left-arm seamer Marco Jansen who took two wickets in a sixth successive game.

We haven't batted well as a unit: Arthur

Lavanya L
CHENNAI

Close games, especially ones lost by the barest of margins, can push you enough to conquer the world or break your spirit. Pakistan, needing a win against South Africa in their World Cup league stage game here on Friday, came as close as it possibly could before letting the Proteas slip through with a one-wicket win.

Coach Mickey Arthur could not help but smile helplessly at the result his boys have to stomach over the next few days.

"To be brutally honest, we haven't put together the perfect game yet. We haven't batted well enough as a unit.

"The par score here on this pitch was 300. I thought we bowled really well, perhaps this was our best bowling performance even but we didn't put together enough runs on the board," he said after the game.

"You have to have one of your top four sticking around at the 40-over mark.

"Our success over the past year stemmed from there," Arthur assessed.

With Warner and Zampa leading the way, the Aussies are back to their best

Sunil Gavaskar

By registering the biggest victory in the World Cup, the Australians have sent a message to the other teams that they are back. The most important gain for them is the return to century-making form of David Warner. Two back-to-back hundreds means that the seasoned left-hander has returned to his best and is peaking at the right time.

The other box that was ticked in the massive win against the Netherlands was the skipper Pat Cummins also bowling quick and sharp and thus adding edge to their bowling. Adam Zampa has now taken four wickets in a match three consecutive times which does, to a great extent, relieve the pressure of what to do in the middle overs.

Glen Maxwell's sizzling century, the fastest ever in World Cup history, almost set the Arun Jaitley Stadium on fire and with Steve Smith also getting a quick-fire half-century, the Aussies are looking their best now. Whether Travis Head is fit to play is not known but he will not only bring the left-handed option in the middle order, but also come in handy for a few overs of off-spin.

New Zealand have started the tournament well and till they met India, they looked very good. After the loss to the hosts, they will need to pick themselves up quickly and get back to winning ways. Their batting is looking good with a century from Daryl Mitchell and young Rachin Ravindra, a superstar in the making.

To shake the Aussies, Trent Boult needs to take early wickets for Mitchell Santner to tie them up in the middle-overs. They also will be sweating on the fitness of Tim Southee and Kane Williamson, for these two stalwarts have been the strength of the New Zealanders for a long time now.

Though not as fierce as the India-Pakistan or Afghanistan-Pakistan rivalry, the Trans-Tasman neighbours hate to lose to each other in any sport. The Aussies hold a slight edge with their recent run but the Kiwis always spring a surprise, so we could be in for a real thriller of a game in Dharamshala.

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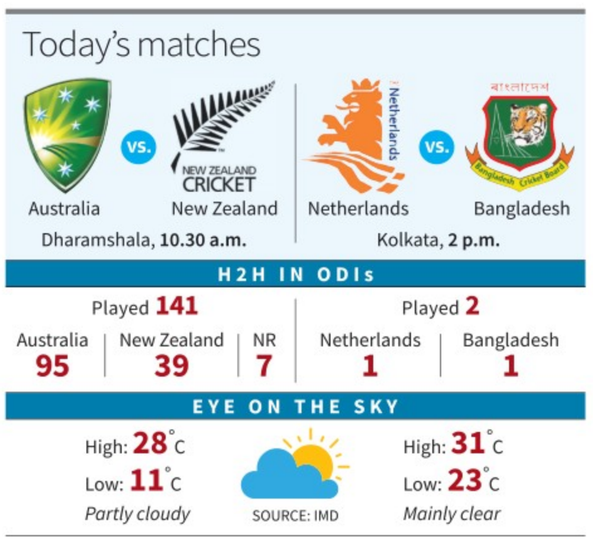
Momentum with Australia, but Kiwis ready for the challenge

The former will feel rejuvenated coming into the match on the back of winning three games on the bounce while the latter will be keen to get back to winning ways after suffering a reverse against India in its last game

Let's do it: The Kiwis will be keen to get it right against the Aussies. R.V. MOORTHY



ODI WORLD CUP

Rakesh Rao
DHARAMSHALA

Australia is one of the best cricket teams for some reasons. Being the most successful team with five titles in the World Cup is just one of them.

Being persistent, competent and consistent are some more reasons. But, its resilient character stood out after the Aussies spent a night in the cellar of the points table and won thrice on the bounce.

On Saturday, Australia faces off with its trans-Tasman rival New Zealand at this picturesque setting of the HPCA Ground at the foothills of the Dhauladhar mountain ranges.

Crucial stage

These teams – softened up by India – clash at a crucial stage of the league.

New Zealand remained among the top-four teams despite losing to India here while Australia made the grade after its resounding 309-run victory over the Netherlands earlier this week.

A second straight defeat could bring pressure on the Kiwis for the first time while another reverse will make Australia desperate. Since each team is eyeing at least six wins in the league to be almost sure of making the semifinals, the victorious team will move closer to qualification.

No doubt, the momentum is firmly with Australia. Riding on victories against Sri Lanka, Pakistan and the Netherlands, Australia has ticked most boxes.

David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, Steve Smith and Glenn Maxwell are back in form and that should worry the Kiwis.

The pace trio of skipper Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazelwood is slowly getting into the act, while Adam Zampa will be looking for a fourth four-wicket haul on the trot.

The Kiwis, despite the setback against India here, are not worried. The side has the resources to deal with the Australians in all departments.

Notwithstanding the injury to Ken Williamson, New Zealand carries the belief of upstaging Australia.

With the game scheduled to start at 10.30 a.m., the toss and the dew factor may not influence the result. That said, both teams are armed with good pacers.

Therefore, opting to field in the slightly nippy conditions in the early part of the first session appears a good option.

We want to keep the standard going: Australia captain Cummins

Dhruva Prasad
DHARAMSHALA

Ace: Cummins lauded his bowling partner Starc who has never gone wicketless in 23 World Cup matches since 2015. R.V. MOORTHY

With three wins in its last three matches, Australia has finally arrived at the World Cup and skipper Pat Cummins believes his side has 'nailed' the brand of cricket it wanted to play.

"Our group's big on talking about the style that we want to play, and I think in the first two games not only did we not win, but I think we didn't really nail the style that we wanted to play. I think in the last few games you've seen us be a bit more aggressive – batting and bowling... That's a standard we want to keep going with for the rest of the tournament, Cummins said ahead of the match against New Zealand at the HPCA Stadium here.

In the losses against India and South Africa, the Aussie bowlers allowed to let the game drift away in the middle-overs by not picking up wickets. However, its three-match winning streak since, which includes a record 309-run win over Netherlands, has seen Australia bundle out oppositions with ease.

"We could try and be really safe through the middle, but we're not going to take wickets where they're probably going to score runs at the back end. So, we're always all about wickets at the start and the middle, and happy to give up a few runs in search of that," Cummins explained.

The captain also lauded his bowling partner Mitchell Starc, who has never gone wicketless in 23 World Cup matches since 2015, for his ability to bowl across phases and maintaining his pace over the years.

Cummins was involved in a very different partnership against the Netherlands – a 103-run alliance off 44 balls with Glenn Maxwell, who blitzed a record 40-ball century.

Calling him a superstar, Cummins, whose contribution in that stand was eight, said, "He said to me with three or four overs left, 'I just want to face many balls here and own these last four overs.' And he did it. So yeah, just insane."

New Zealand skipper Tom Latham also said that the 'Australia that we know' had arrived and that teams would take them lightly from here on at their own peril.

Struggling Bangladesh takes on spirited Dutch

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Talisman: Shakib, who took a short trip to Dhaka, would look to regain his touch with the bat. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Pride will be the underlying theme when Bangladesh seeks to arrest its free fall and the Netherlands eyes its best-ever performance in the ODI World Cup at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

With cricket fever taking over from Durga Puja celebrations, it will be an extended spell of enjoyment for ardent lovers of the game as their most-loved venue joins the extravaganza. For some, the joy will double to see The Tigers from across the border in action.

After suffering four successive losses, including the last one against South Africa, Bangladesh will feel comfortable being at 'home away from home' and may expect some support.

The Tigers are troubled by their below-par showing on the field and some unease off it, evident from last match's centurion Mahmudullah's comments. The team's poor run is deflating for its passionate fans and a much-needed turnaround will delight them.

Captain Shakib Al Hasan, who took a short trip to Dhaka for some special preparation, would look to regain his touch with the bat. Prominent batters, including Mahmudullah, Litton Das, Mushfiqur Rahim, and all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz, need to contribute well, too.

The spirited Netherlands, which looks forward to punching above its weight again after shocking South Africa, would like to recover from the battering it received against Australia and better its record in the World Cup.

Skipper Scott Edwards, Colin Ackermann and Sybrand Engelbrecht have shouldered the responsibility with the bat. All-rounders such as Logan van Beek and Bas de Leede, Ackermann and Roelf van der Merwe give flexibility and depth to the side.

Even as a semifinal berth looks remote for both sides, they will look to boost their self-esteem in perfect conditions unless dew plays spoilsport.

Rohit's men encash their optional nets choice in The City of Nawabs

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
LUCKNOW

Spin-friendly chatter: It will be interesting to see if Ashwin, right, gets a game in Lucknow. SANDEEP SAXENA

Arms on his hips, Rahul Dravid watched the pitch closely. For someone, who has spent long hours on those 22 yards across the cricketing globe, gazing at the centre-square is second nature. The former India captain and present coach gingerly walked around while the ground-staff trimmed the grass and the pitch transformed from dull green to an earthy brown hue.

Dravid's meditative rounds constituted the concluding phase of Friday's training session for the host. Earlier in the afternoon, the sun remained the harsh dispenser of dry heat, baking the players to a crisp while in the shade, media personnel with parched throats sought water bottles. Meanwhile, the Men in Blue, gearing up for their Sunday's World Cup clash against a bruised England, encashed their optional nets choice here at the Ekana Stadium.

Most, including skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, preferred to rest. A few others, with the coaching staff led by Dravid, turned up for a training stint at the nearby B ground. Mohammed Shami and Ishan Kishan, who had skipped Thursday's schedule, were a strong presence and besides them were Shubman Gill, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav and Shardul Thakur.

The lone specialist batter Gill hopped across nets, playing straight and getting those crucial batting hours under his belt. Having missed this World Cup's early days due to dengue, the opener subsequently etched 16, 53 and 26 with all three knocks revealing a certain permanence before an ambitious shot undid his vigil.

Siraj and Shardul were the workhorses, bowling with gusto. The duo also had their individual batting stints. Shami, though, preferred a more softer approach. With just his left leg padded, wearing tracks and flexing his bat against gentle throw-downs, he kept driving or lofting through the line. In the adjacent net, Jadeja tried to sharpen his short-arm pull and also launched a few towards an imaginary long-on. In keeping in tune with the 'tail-should-bat' theme, Kuldeep used his willow before retreating to the main stadium.

Hardik Pandya's hopefully temporary absence is being felt and the Indian think-tank has been employing fresh strategies to seal the vacuum he has left behind. Towards the end, Ishan and Shardul continued their quest for batting rhythm and it was left for the local bowlers and coaching staff to keep the two occupied.

It wasn't easy in the heat while up in the skies, kites glided in circles. Having arrived from Dharamshala's cool landscape, India has done well over these two days to get accustomed to the weather contrasts in Lucknow in which the day's dry heat seamlessly wanes into a more comfortable twilight before the night offers a nip in the air.

England, defending champion with its title defence in tatters, at best could play a spoiler for other teams. And India, with one foot in the semifinal, isn't taking any chances against a wounded rival.

India to host Australia, England in home season

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The BCCI, on Friday, confirmed the schedule for the home series for Team India (senior women) against England and Australia. The home season will include two Tests, six T20Is and three ODIs. There will be a resumption of the 'A' tour as India will host England in three T20s at the Wankhede Stadium.

Harmanpreet Kaur and Co had last competed at the Hangzhou Asian Games in September, clinching the gold with a win over Sri Lanka.

The schedule:

India-A vs England-A: Nov. 29, Dec. 1 and 3; all T20 matches start at 1.30 p.m., Wankhede (Mumbai).

India vs England:

T20Is: Dec. 6, 9 and 10; all games begin at 7 p.m., Wankhede; **Test:** Dec. 14 to 17, 9.30 a.m. start, DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai.

India vs Australia:

Test: Dec. 21 to 24, 9.30 a.m. start, Wankhede; **ODIs:** Dec. 28, 30 and Jan. 2 (2024); all matches begin at 1.30 p.m., Wankhede; **T20Is:** Jan. 5, 7 and 9, 7 p.m. start for all contests, DY Patil Stadium.

Anything can happen, says Bangladesh's Taskin

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Bangladesh pacer Taskin Ahmed said even after losing four out of five matches in the World Cup, his team could still qualify for the semifinals.

Ahead of Bangladesh's engagement with the Netherlands at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday, Taskin said, "If we can win the (remaining) four (matches), anything can happen because there are run rate issues and also (instances of) teams like Afghanistan and Sri Lanka beating England... we are planning to go match by match."

Taskin admitted Bangladesh's batting and bowling were not up to the mark. "We are better than that... hoping to do well."

Not affected morale

The speedster clarified that skipper Shakib Al Hasan taking a break to train in Dhaka did not affect the team's morale.

"When he came back, we had a really good time. He went for some improvements as he has not batted well. We should appreciate that."

Netherlands captain Scott Edwards said his side would try to benefit from inputs provided by its coach Ryan Cook, who worked with Bangladesh in the past. "He's sort of spreading what he knows about this (Bangladesh) squad but there's obviously some new players... we'll take what information we can from him and try to apply that to the match. But first and foremost, we just have to make sure we execute our skills."

Edwards said his team, which batted poorly against Australia in its last outing, would look to rectify its mistakes including its top-order batters' performance.

He underlined that despite the upset win over South Africa, his team is yet to hit its peak.

More in the tank: Edwards said the Dutch are yet to hit their peak. RITU RAJ KONWAR

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE
1. In the 1996 ODI World Cup edition, who was the first player to be out-stumped in a World Cup final?
2. Who was the top scorer in the 1979 ODI World Cup final featuring West Indies and England?
3. Which cricketer turned international umpire who was England's wicket-keeper in the 1983 ODI World Cup?
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Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Kenya
2. Sir Vivian Richards
3. Thomas Odoyo

INBRIEF

India bounces back to hold Pakistan in a thriller

Defending champion India came from behind twice to hold Pakistan to a 3-3 draw in a thrilling opening match of the Sultan of Johor Cup junior men's hockey tournament in Johor Bahru on Friday. Goals from Amandeep Lakra (30th minute), Aditya Arjun Lalage (56) and Uttam Singh (59) ensured a point for India after Arbaz Ahmad (31, 58) and Abdul Shahid (49) scored for Pakistan. Both the teams lived up to the billing in the opening match of the tournament, considered as a litmus test for all participating sides ahead of the forthcoming men's Junior World Cup to be held in Malaysia this December. India will take on host Malaysia on Saturday.

Niki Poonacha in last four of ITF Davangere Open

Niki Poonacha defeated Manish Sureshkumar 6-4, 6-3 to enter the singles semifinal at the ITF Davangere Open Men's World Tennis Tour tournament on Friday.

Other results: Singles (quarterfinals): Nick Chappell bt Sidharth Rawat 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; Bogdan Bobrov bt Karan Singh 7-5, 6-0; Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Madhwin Kamath 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles (semifinals): Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta & Manish Sureshkumar bt Purav Raja & Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6 (3), 6-4; Siddhant Banthia & Vishnu Vardhan bt Bogdan Bobrov & Nick Chappell (USA) 4-6, 6-3, 10-5.

Vrinda stars in Karnataka's win over Pondicherry

Vrinda Dinesh top-scored with 67 as Karnataka defeated Pondicherry by 115 runs in the BCCI senior women's T20 Trophy in Vadodara.

The scores: Karnataka 173/7 in 20 overs (G.R. Prerana 34, Vrinda Dinesh 67, Divya Gnanananda 26) bt Pondicherry 58 in 13.2 overs.

Sheetal creates history as India strikes it rich again

Armless teenage archer becomes first Indian woman to win two events in single edition of the Games; shuttlers claim four golds and long jumpers two; country on the cusp of 100 medals

ASIAN PARA GAMES

Press Trust of India
HANGZHOU

Teenaged armless archer Sheetal Devi, who holds her bow with her foot, became the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games as the country's record haul swelled to 99 on the penultimate day of competitions here on Friday.

India won 17 medals, including seven gold, on the day to be placed fourth in the overall standings with 99 medals (25 gold, 29 silver and 45 bronze) with China (196 gold, 159 silver, 138 bronze) on top.

It was a hat-trick of medals for the 16-year-old Sheetal, who has already won gold in the compound mixed team event and women's doubles silver.

Phenom! Sheetal underlined her class with a winning display in the individual compound event. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The teenager from Jammu and Kashmir, who became the first armless woman to win a Para World Archery Championships medal in July, defeated Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah 144-142 in the individual compound gold medal match.

Pramod, Suhas reign

In badminton, reigning Paralympic champion Pramod Bhagat secured gold in the single SL3 category as he outplayed compatriot Nitesh Kumar 22-20, 21-19 in the final.

Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj bettered his bronze from the last edition by winning gold in the SL4 final.

Thulasimathi Murugesan warded off the challenge from China's Yang Qiuxia by eking out a 21-19, 21-19 to clinch the yellow metal in the women's SU5 final. In men's doubles SL3-SLF4, Nitesh and Tarun won gold.

In athletics, Raman Sharma and Dharamraj Solairaj claimed the men's 1500m T38 and long jump T64 events. Raman reigned supreme with a new Asian and Games record time of 4:20.80s, while Dharamraj also broke the same two records by clearing a distance of 6.80m.

Other medallists:
Athletics: Silver: Pradeep Kumar (men's F54 javelin); **bronze:** Laxit (men's F54 javelin), Lakshmi (women's F37-38 discus), Manu (men's F37 shot put).
Archery: Silver: Rakesh Kumar (men's compound).
Badminton: Silver: Nitesh Kumar (men's singles SL3); Thulasmathi & Manasi Joshi (women's doubles SL3-SU5), Krishna Nagar (men's singles SH6), Chirag Baretha & Raj Kumar (men's SU5 doubles).
Swimming: Bronze: Suyash Narayan Jadhav (men's S7 50m butterfly).

India steamrollers a hapless Thailand 7-1

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
RANCHI

India was expected to romp home and the host duly obliged with a 7-1 win against Thailand in the women's Asian Champions Trophy in front of a capacity crowd at the first ever international hockey action here on Friday.

Preceded by an extended fireworks display, the game saw the Indian women put on a show of their own but just like the fireworks, they took time to get going before steamrollering the Thai side.

Monika and Salima Tete put the team ahead despite all the missed chances.

Thailand tried to keep the Indians at bay but it was largely a misfiring Indian forwardline, failing to control the ball or its shots, that kept the score to a very respectable 3-1 at half-time.

This was the first-ever goal scored by Thailand women against India. The third quarter saw India finally shake it all off – the nerves, opposition and its own disconnect – to take control and expose the difference between the sides.

Deepika smashed in an overhead to make it 4-1 and two goals within a minute by Sangita towards the end of the quarter sealed the result.

The results: Japan 3 (Ogawa, Toriyama, Kobayakawa) bt Malaysia 0; China 0 lost to Korea 1 (An); India (Sangita 3, Monika, Salima, Deepika, Lalremsiami) bt Thailand 1 (Samanso).

Priceless Gold tipped

MYSURU: Priceless Gold, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Mysore Race Club Anniversary Cup (1,400m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Oct. 28). False rails (width about 3.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SHARAN LAKSHMANAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00 pm: 1. Hasting Sunrise (4) J. Chinoy 60, 2. Maybury (11) Madhu Sudhan 60, 3. Elevado (8) A.K. Aniket 59.5, 4. Mystic Divine (5) G. Vivek 58, 5. Ochre (3) Abhishek Mhatre 58, 6. D Warrior (9) Angad 57.5, 7. Everly (10) Kiran Rai 57.5, 8. N R I Secret (2) Tousif 57.5, 9. Anushtubha (12) Akshay K 56.5, 10. Coorg General (7) A. Merchant 56, 11. The Flying Feet (6) Afsar Khan 56 and 12. Windy City (1) M. Rajesh K 54.5.
1. ANUSHTUBHA, 2. MYSTIC DIVINE, 3. EVERLY

2 SRI C. SASHACHALAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Gintoki (10) Faiz 62.5, 2. Natural One (8) G. Vivek 62, 3. Wencheng (1) R.S. Bhati 60, 4. Athulya (11) M. Prabhakaran 59, 5. Crimson Fire (6) Tousif 59, 6. D Thirteen Twelve (5) T. Pavan 55, 7. Red Capri (3) M. Shahid 54.5, 8. Country Magic (2) A.K. Aniket 54, 9. Sultan Sword (4) Angad 53.5, 10. Deemed To Fire (7) M. Rajesh K 50.5 and 11. Pette's Choice (9) Md. Aliyar 50.
1. SULTAN SWORD, 2. WENCHENG, 3. NATURAL ONE

3 R.M. PUTTANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Clyde Star (4) A. Merchant 56, 2. Davids Delight (12) A.K. Aniket 56, 3. Money Exchange (5) A.S. Peter 56, 4. One Diamond (8) J. Chinoy 56, 5. Star Concept (1) Suraj 56, 6. Stitch In Time (9) R.S. Bhati 56, 7. Chililady (6) Akshay K 54.5, 8. Crosswater (10) Antony 54.5, 9. Diamond Hooves (2) B. Nayak 54.5, 10. Fire Within (7) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 11. Natural Hunter (3) G. Vivek 54.5 and 12. Running Bolt (11) S. Saqlain 54.5.
1. STAR CONCEPT, 2. CROSSWATER, 3. CHILILADY

4 H.P. VISWANATHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 & above, 3-30: 1. Havelock Cruise (10) T. Pavan 63.5, 2. His Eminence (12) Gautam Raj 62, 3. Prince Corporate (8) J. Paswan 61.5, 4. Iron Clad (15) Srinath 57, 5. Blue Origin (13) S. Qureshi 56.5, 6. Wellington (3) Angad 56.5, 7. Kingofthejungle (5) Kiran Rai 56, 8. Sound Of Canon's (14) A. Merchant 56, 9. Viva La Vida (4) A.K. Aniket 56, 10. Clever Hans (11) Shreyas S 54.5, 11. Ghyama (9) R.S. Bhati 54.5, 12. Tarek (2) Madhu Sudhan 53, 13. Perfect Justice (6) B. Harish 52.5, 14. Kensington Court (7) M. Rajesh K 51 and 15. Spirit Of The Rose (1) G. Vivek 50.
1. CLEVER HANS, 2. IRON CLAD, 3. WELLINGTON

5 MYSORE RACE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. O Hansini (5) Akshay K 60, 2. Priceless Gold (1) Suraj 59, 3. Segera (4) Angad 57.5, 4. Shubankar (3) A. Merchant 57.5 and 5. Vijaya Falcon (2) Srinath 57.5.
1. PRICELESS GOLD, 2. O HANSINI

6 BOTTOLONDA TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 4-30: 1. Heroism (6) Faiz 62.5, 2. Square The Circle (7) Darshan 60.5, 3. Benghazi (5) M. Rajesh K 59.5, 4. Eagle Bluff (13) A. Merchant 58.5, 5. Mighty Zo (11) Akshay K 58.5, 6. Twilight Tornado (1) G. Vivek 58.5, 7. Armstrong (12) Srinath 58, 8. D Gold Star (2) S. Brahmmesh 57, 9. Angeles (9) Antony 55.5, 10. Indian Glory (4) A.K. Aniket 55, 11. Parker (10) J. Chinoy 54, 12. Land Of Gold (8) S. Saqlain 52.5 and 13. Seoul (3) A. Baandal 51.5.
1. ANGELES, 2. ARMSTRONG, 3. MIGHTY ZO

7 SHARAN LAKSHMANAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Leopard (6) Angad 60, 2. Country's Light (9) P. Siddaraju 59.5, 3. Perfect Empress (1) Prabhu K 59, 4. Sarvottam (8) Vinod Shinde 59, 5. Seolfor Bullet (5) Shezad Khan 59, 6. Beautiful Oblivian (7) Kiran Rai 58.5, 7. Arigato (4) A.K. Aniket 57, 8. D Don King (2) Jagadeesh 57, 9. D Romance (11) M. Rajesh K 57, 10. Step Up Girl (12) M. Shahid 57, 11. Kesari Queen (10) R. Pradeep 55.5 and 12. Square Cut (3) Afsar Khan 55.
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Day's best: **ANGELES**
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LIVE TELECAST

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Badminton: French Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.
Formula One: Mexico City GP (Qualifying), F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 2.30 a.m. (Sunday)

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As on 30th September 2023	₹ in Crores	Growth (yoy)%
TOTAL BUSINESS	85,092	9%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	47,314	10%
TOTAL ADVANCES	37,778	8%
RAM (%)	91%	400 bps
NET PROFIT	274	5%
NET WORTH	7,384	14%
BOOK VALUE (in ₹)	466	14%
CRAR (%)	26.04%	146 bps

₹ in Crores

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1365.22	1322.89	1141.49	2688.11	2283.26	4710.15
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	341.83	340.91	355.35	682.74	674.53	1393.64
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	341.83	340.91	355.35	682.74	674.53	1393.64
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	273.51	261.23	262.30	534.74	496.51	1029.26
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Equity Share Capital	158.35	158.35	158.35	158.35	158.35	158.35
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year	-	-	-	-	-	6769.99
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) 1. Basic: (in ₹) 2. Diluted: (in ₹)	17.27 17.27	16.50 16.50	17.99 17.99	33.77 33.77	34.44 34.44	68.06 68.06

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NOTE:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half yearly Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Half yearly Financial Results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Bank's Website (www.tmb.in)
2. Information relating to Total comprehensive income and other comprehensive income is not furnished as Ind-AS is not yet made applicable to banks.

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BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Arun and Vidya reign

M.S. Arun defeated R. Santosh 5-4 (74-64, 42-61, 49-69, 73-13, 93-01, 22-74, 76-20, 36-62, 63-17) to win the State-ranking senior men's snooker tournament. In the women's category final, Vidya Pillai overcame P. Keerthana 3-2 (41-85, 58-44, 80-14, 43-65, 50-37).

Skanda Samarth shines

Skanda Samarth Srikantapuram's four-wicket haul (4/14) helped School of India beat Frank Anthony Public School by nine wickets and enter the final of the KSCA Cup (U-16) second division school tournament. In the summit clash, it will meet BGS Public School that defeated Presidency School, RT Nagar.

The scores (semifinals): Presidency School, R.T. Nagar 154 in 37.2 overs (M.S. Kunal 29, Omkar Bhandari 45, Kabir Khan 3/31, Vishwa Venkatadri 3/23) lost to BGS Public School, Hulimavu 156/3 in 27.2 overs (Ayush M. Patil 43, R. Shreyas 61 n.o., Mohammed Shamsheer 3/43). Frank Anthony Public School 71 in 39 overs (Skanda Samarth Srikantapuram 4/14) lost to School of India 72/1 in 12.4 overs (Shaurya Tandon 33 n.o.).

Rithvik and Nitish score hundreds

Centuries from H. Rithvik (107) and Nitish Arya (110) helped Max Muller High School earn three points after securing the first-innings lead over St. Joseph's Boys High School in a drawn KSCA Cup (U-16) first division tournament.

The scores: Max Muller HS 357 in 87.4 overs (Arya J. Gowda 58, H. Rithvik 107, Nitish Arya 110, Sean Pratyush Cyril 25, S. Rahul 28 n.o., R. Shiv 5/97) drew with St. Joseph's BHS 286 in 79 overs (Raghavendra Ikkurthi 49, Rehan Mohammed 120, J. Sukruth 34, R. Shiv 36, Abhyuday Bhargav 5/92). Holy Saint English School 245 in 75.1 overs (K. Akhil 32, R. Kushal 61, Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber 34, Gaurav Venkatesh 35, C. Vaibhav 4/52, J. Sukruth 3/40) & 229/4 in 45.2 overs (Raunak 25, K. Akhil 93, Krushna V. Rao 48 n.o.) drew with St. Joseph's BHS 178 in 53.2 overs (Rehan Mohammed 97, Gaurav Venkatesh 4/38, Jayanth R. Gowda 4/28).

Max Muller HS 356 in 90 overs (Arya J. Gowda 42, Vrateen Prashant Padti 90, H. Rithvik 81, Nitish Arya 55, Sean Pratyush Cyril 40, Abhyuday Bhargav 37 n.o., K.S. Mokhit 4/73) & 90/2 in 20 overs (Arya J. Gowda 46) drew with Gopalan NS 242 in 78 overs (Krish Kumar Jha 144, Rajarshi Mitra 32 n.o., Kashish Bahuguna 4/31).

Ebenezer IS 217 in 79.5 overs (R. Parth 26, S.J. Aadharsh 46, Arnavv Sharma 50, R.A. Sriee Krish 5/50) & 128/5 in 29 overs (Vedant Kumar 45 n.o., Arnavv Sharma 32) drew with DPS, East 219/7 decl. in 67 overs (V. Srithan 25, S. Daivik 71, R. Nithin 43, S.J. Aadharsh 5/61).

DPS, North 190 in 76.1 overs (Talha Sheriff 31, M. Assad 55, Udgeet S. Nandan 50) drew with St. Joseph's IHS 191 in 83.2 overs (Tejas Reddy 71, B.R. Abhay Surya 26, Aryan Vasdev 4/35, M. Assad 4/47).

St. Joseph's BHS 178 in 50.3 overs (Raghavendra Ikkurthi 26, Rehan Mohammed 28, J. Sukruth 30, C. Vaibhav 36, Hayth Nagori 44, Aarush Mishra 3/36, Kush Kumar Jha 3/27) & 161 in 32.2 overs (C. Vaibhav 27, R. Shiv 36, J. Sukruth 27, Rajarshi Mitra 7/24) drew with Gopalan National School 158 in 66.5 overs (Advaith Karthik 44, Rajarshi Mitra 27, Kush Kumar Jha 28) & 122/7 in 36 overs (K.S. Mokhit 47 n.o., R. Shiv 5/28).

Max Muller High School 234/9 in 90 overs (Vrateen Prashant Padti 38, Nitish Arya 120, Gaurav Venkatesh 3/77, Jayanth R. Gowda 4/72) & 80/2 in 25 overs drew with Holy Saint English School 153 in 69.2 overs (G. Vakula Chandra 36, K. Akhil 34, Arya J. Gowda 3/52, Kashish Bahuguna 4/17).

DPS, East 340/8 in 90 overs (S. Shivaprasad 27, Arjun Aravind Potti 27, Adhrit Rao 104, S. Daivik 115, Aryan Vasdev 3/52) drew with DPS North 355/5 in 90 overs (Shaurya Murali Ramanath 54, Pranav Kedlaya 68, Talha Sheriff 80, Udgeet S. Nandan 27, Chirayu Reddy 79).

Ebenezer IS 157 in 57.2 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 39, S. Yash 33, Tejas Reddy 3/38, B.R. Abhay Surya 3/25) & 126/4 in 39 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 60 n.o., Arnavv Sharma 28 n.o., B.R. Abhay Surya 3/56) drew with St. Joseph's IHS 330/6 decl. in 86.3 overs (H. Vishwa 156 n.o., Tejas Reddy 123, S.J. Aadharsh 4/56).

Alex nets a brace

Alex Konthoujam scored a brace as Kodagu FC defeated South United FC 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Friday.

The results: Kodagu FC 2 (Alex Konthoujam 5, 24) bt South United FC 1 (Rungsing Muinao 71); FC Agniputra 1 (Chandra Tamanga 90+5) bt Rebels FC 0; On Thursday: Kickstart FC 4 (Jenishsinh Rana 9, Benjamin Lupheng 18, R. Sharth Rajkumar 68, Abhishek Shankar Powar 71) bt MFAR Students Union FC 2 (Pratik Swami 45+2, 84); Young Challengers 1 (Lalcchanhima 25) drew with FC Deccan 1 (Ngairengbam Rakesh Singh 20).

Easy for Warriors SC

Warriors Sports Club defeated Dynamites Hockey Club 4-1 in the KSHA BHA C-division hockey league here on Friday. In another match, Zenith Hockey Club beat BCYA-B 2-0.

Kaviya's hat-trick drives Kickstart

Kaviya Pakkirisamy scored a hat-trick as Kickstart FC thrashed Misaka United 8-2 in the Karnataka Women's League here.

The results: Parikram FC 3 (Muskan Khan 35, K.U. Spoorthi 40, Kajal Kumari 44) bt BFC 0; Kickstart FC 8 (Kaviya Pakkirisamy 5, 16, 24, Lalrinmuani 13, 39, 41, Sonia Marak 69, Simran Gurung 86) bt Misaka United FC 2 (Aibaplilad Skhemiew 12, Kamasani Durga 28).

Luna's strike wins it for Kerala Blasters

Coach Vukomanovic, back in the dugout after completing his 10-match ban, inspires his side to a 2-1 victory over Odisha

ISL-10

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Dimitrios Diamantakos watched painfully from the bench as the Kerala Blasters kept missing one chance after another.

And when he came in, just before the hour mark, the Greek forward appeared to be in a hurry.

He scored the equaliser that brought back the home side back to life.

And some 20 minutes later, Adrian Luna produced a beauty that saw Kerala Blasters get the better of Odisha 2-1 in the Indian Super League at the Nehru Stadium here on Friday night.

Clutch: KBFC secured the win in a match that saw Odisha missing a penalty. H. VIBHU

The result: Kerala Blasters 2 (Diamantakos 66, Luna 84) bt Odisha FC 1(Mauricio 15).

Barcelona meets Real in El Clasico

Reuters
BARCELONA

Barcelona manager Xavi Hernandez is facing serious injury concerns, including Polish striker Robert Lewandowski, as his team prepares to host rivals Real Madrid in the LaLiga El Clasico on Saturday.

Xavi had to call up eight academy players for its Champions League match against Shakhtar Donetsk on Wednesday.

Despite earlier reports suggesting that Lewandowski and Frenkie De Jong were ahead of schedule in their recovery, they are still in a race against time to be fit for the high-octane clash.

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Arjun and Tilottama secure quota for Paris Olympics

The former tops qualification but was beaten to gold by Sheng of China; Tilottama misses gold by 0.1 point to Eunji of Korea; Indian shooters have so far won 10 Olympic quota places

ASIAN SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Arjun Babuta and Tilottama Sen added to the Indian collection of Olympic quota for Paris, with silver medals in air rifle in the 15th Asian shooting championship in Changwon, Korea, on Friday.

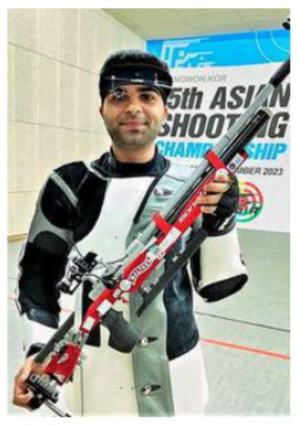
Arjun did it in style, as he topped the qualification with 633.4 but was beaten to the gold by 0.9 point by Sheng Lihao of China.

Olympian and former World No.1 Divyansh Singh Panwar also qualified strongly but eventually placed fourth.

Tilottama Sen had missed the Olympic quota in the World Championship despite a sterling performance as Mehuli Ghosh had won the quota then by winning the bronze.

This time, Tilottama missed the gold by 0.1 point to Kwon Eunji of Korea, but secured the Olympic quota by winning the silver. Ramita Jindal followed with the bronze medal. There were many more medals for India in the junior and youth sections, but what mattered was the Olympic quota.

Tilottama.


Arjun.

Indian shooters have so far won 10 Olympic quota places. While Sarabjot Singh won the men's air pistol quota earlier in the Asian championship, the others, Rudrankksh Patil, Swapnil Kusale, Bhowneesh Mendiratta, Mehuli Ghosh, Sift Kaur Samra, Akhil Sheoran and Rajeshwari Kumari had won the quota in the last two World Championships.

The results:

10m air rifle: Men: 1. Sheng Lihao (Chn) 252.1 (631.6); 2. Arjun Babuta 251.2 (633.4); 3. Naoya Okada (Jpn) 230.6 (629.3); 4. Divyansh Singh Panwar 209.6 (632.3); 21. Hriday Hazarika 626.7; RPO: Sri Karthik Sabari Raj 631.5; Rudrankksh Patil 630.8.
Team: 1. India 1892.4; 2. China 1887.3; 3. Japan 1883.6.
Women: 1. Kkwon Eunji (Kor) 252.4 (632.0); 2. Tilottama Sen 252.3 (630.5); 3. Ramita Jindal 230.6 (629.5); 26. Shriyanka Sadangi 626.2; RPO: Elavenil Valarivan 631.5; Nancy 630.3.
Team: 1. China 1890.7; 2. Singapore 1886.8; 3. India 1886.2.
Junior men: 1. Huang Liwnin (Chn) 250.7 (627.6); 2. Ye Yishun (Chn) 249.4 (631.0); 3. Abhinav Shaw 227.6 (625.6); 4. Umamahesh Maddineni 206.9 (628.5); 7. Pratham Bhadana 141.3 (625.1).
Team: 1. China 1879.1; 2. Korea 1877.1; 3. Kazakhstan 1850.5.
Junior women: 1. Jiao Ruoxuan (Chn) 252.4 (630.2); 2. Gautami Bhanot 251.3 (631.9); 3. Fan Xinyi (Chn) 229.0 (633.2); 4. Ssonam Masskar 208.2 (632.6); 7. Jasmeen Kaur 144.5 (627.1).
Team: 1. Inida 1891.6 (ARJ); 2. China 1889.5; 3. Korea 1886.2.
Air pistol youth mixed team: 1. India (Urva Chaudhary, Priyanshu Yadav) 17 (579); 2. Korea (Choi Yuri, Kang Byeongmu) 13 (571); 3. India-2 (Kanak, Abhinav Choudhary) 573 and China (Liu Jiaqi, Feng Shunyong) 571.
Air rifle junior mixed team: 1. China (Fan Xinyi, Liu Nuo) 16 (629.8); 2. India (Gautami Bhanot, Umamahesh Maddineni) 6 (631.0); 3. Korea 625.7 and Kazakhstan 16 (616.4); 4. Chinese Taipei 8 (617.8).

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Group-A: At Jaipur: Mizoram 76 in 18.3 overs (Tushar Deshpande 4/13) lost to Mumbai 77/1 in 6 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 46 n.o.). **Points: Mumbai 4 (24), Mizoram 0 (4).**

Haryana 139/9 in 20 overs (Sarvesh Rohilla 40) lost to Hyderabad 141/5 in 15.4 overs. **Hyderabad 4 (24), Haryana 0 (12).**

J&K 185 in 19.5 overs (Qamran Iqbal 50, Shubham Khajuria 73, Sourabh Majumdar 4/38, Shubham Singh 3/24) bt Chhattisgarh 150 in 20 overs (Shashank Singh 58, Rasikh Salam 6/31). **J&K 4 (12), Chhattisgarh 0 (12).**

Meghalaya 65/8 in 20 overs (Mahesh Pithiya 3/5) lost to Baroda 66/3 in 5.2 overs (Bhanu Pania 35). **Baroda 4 (24), Meghalaya 0 (0).**

Group-B: At Mumbai: Himachal Pradesh 234/4 in 20 overs (Prashant Chopra 66, Ankush Bains 33, Nikhil Gangta 73 n.o., Akash Vasisht 32 n.o.) bt Sikkim 94/8 in 20 overs (Vinay Galetiya 3/16). **HP 4 (20), Sikkim 0 (0).**

Kerala 127/6 in 20 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 31, Abdul Basith 46 n.o.) lost to Assam 130/8 in 19.3 overs (Riyan Parag 57 n.o.). **Assam 4 (20), Kerala 0 (24).**

Bihar 126/9 in 20 overs (Bipin Saurabh 58) lost to Services 130/3 in 14.5 overs (Shubham Rohilla 53 n.o., Mohit Ahlawat 33). **Services 4 (16), Bihar 0 (4).**

Odisha 154/7 in 20 overs (Shantanu Mishra 59, Subhranshu Senapati 31) bt Chandigarh 137 in 19.4 overs (Arjun Azad 30, Gaurav Puri 55, Harshit Rathod 3/27). **Odisha 4 (16), Chandigarh 0 (12).**

Group-C: At Ranchi: Arunachal Pradesh 116/5 in 20 overs (Ayush Awasthi 34, Techi Doria 42 n.o.) lost to Punjab 118/1 in 8.4 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 50 n.o., Ramandeep Singh 42 n.o.). **Punjab 4 (24), Arunachal 0 (0).**

Goa 161/5 in 20 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 40, Suyash Prabhudessai 45 n.o., Arjun Tendulkar 47) lost to Saurashtra 167/6 in 20 overs (Harvik Desai 61, Samarth Vyas 44, Shubham Tari 3/23). **Saurashtra 4 (20), Goa 0 (16).**

Manipur 137 in 17.5 overs (Kangabam Priyojit 40, Prafullomani Singh 42, Chintan Gaja 3/23) lost to Gujarat 139/4 in 13.1 overs (Saurav Chauhan 50, Chirag Gandhi 48 n.o.). **Gujarat 4 (20), Manipur 0 (4).**

Railways 171/5 in 20 overs (Pratham Singh 32, Upendra Yadav 51 n.o., Ashutosh Sharma 43) bt Andhra 118/9 in 20 overs (K.S. Bharat 31, Yuvraj Singh 3/21, Raj Choudhary 4/16). **Railways 4 (16), Andhra 0 (12).**

Group-D: At Mohali: Puducherry 132/8 in 20 overs (Akash Kargave 35, Agrim Tiwari 3/19) lost to Uttarakhand 133/1 in 16.1 overs (Avneesh Sudha 72 n.o.). **Uttarakhand 4 (8), Puducherry 0 (2).**

Rajasthan 181/4 in 20 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 54, Salman Khan 32, Deepak Hooda 37, Mahipal Lomror 50 n.o.) bt Maharashtra 128/9 in 20 overs (Khaleel Ahmed 3/15). **Rajasthan 4 (14), Maharashtra 0 (12).**

Railways 171/5 in 20 overs (Pratham Singh 32, Upendra Yadav 51 n.o., Ashutosh Sharma 43) bt Andhra 118/9 in 20 overs (Srikar Bharat 31, Yuvraj Singh 3/21, Raj Choudhary 4/16). **Railways 4 (16), Andhra 0 (12).**

Group-E: At Dehradun: Uttar Pradesh 135/7 in 20 overs (Sameer Rizvi 31) lost to Madhya Pradesh 136/6 in 19.1 overs (Rajat Patidar 68, Venkatesh Iyer 35 n.o.). **MP 4 (14), UP 0 (14).**

Tamil Nadu 196/8 in 20 overs (Washington Sundar 33, Vijay Shankar 36) bt Nagaland 123/3 in 20 overs (Sedezhalie Rupero 42 n.o.). **TN 4 (14), Nagaland 0 (2).**

Karnataka 224/7 in 20 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 59, K.L. Shrijith 67, Abhinav Manohar 40) bt Tripura 156 in 18.1 overs (Bikram Kumar Das 38, M.B. Mura Singh 56, Pravin Dubey 3/33). **Karnataka 4 (14), Tripura 0 (4).**

Neuer set to return 10 months after leg-injury

Associated Press
MUNICH

Bayern Munich goalkeeper and captain Manuel Neuer is in line to play for the first time on Saturday after breaking his leg while skiing last year, coach Thomas Tuchel said on Friday.

Neuer last played at the World Cup in Qatar on December 1 as the German national team was eliminated in the group stage.

The following week, he broke his lower leg while on vacation.

Tuchel said Neuer will play against Darmstadt "if nothing happens in training."

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